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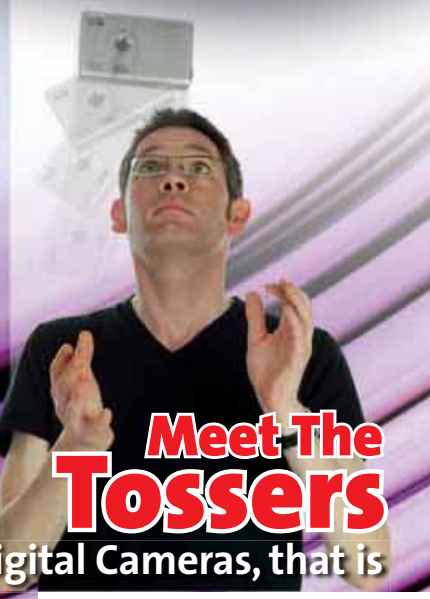

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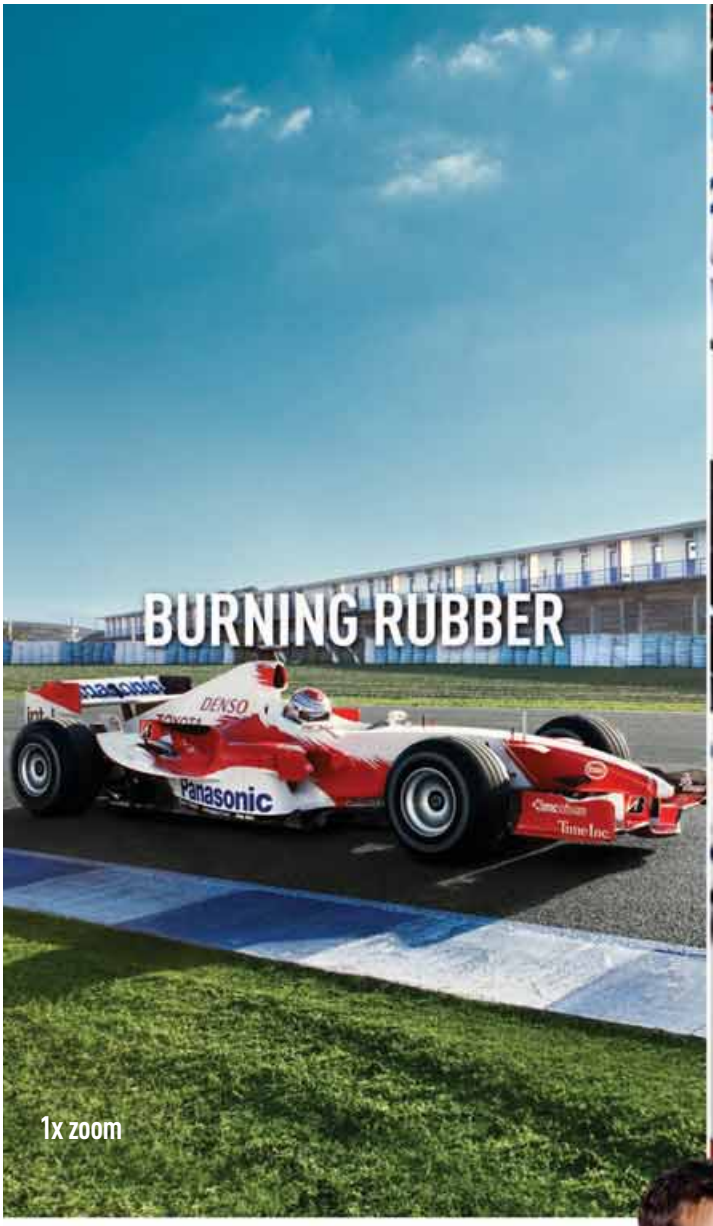


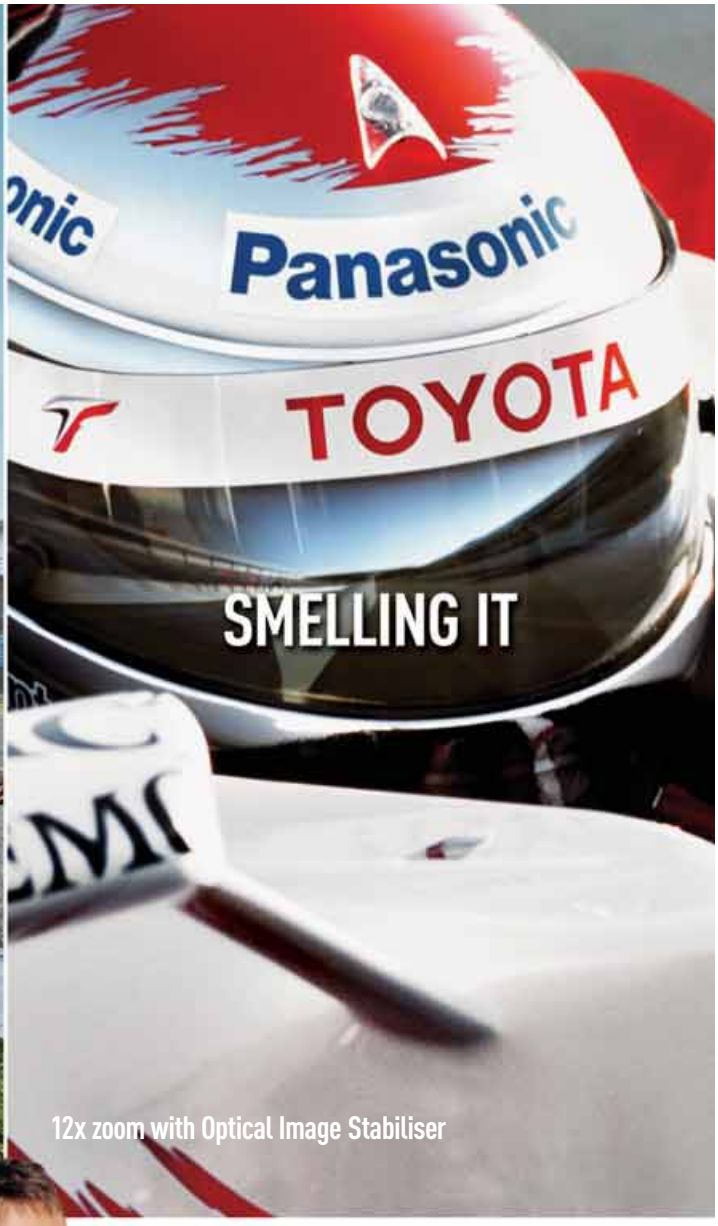


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# WELCOME...

**...to the May issue of What Digital Camera, and what a barnstormer we have for you this month. First, we present for your reading pleasure a full test of Canon's new EOS 30D. And if just one SLR isn't enough for you we've tested Samsung's debut model, the GX-1L, too. We've also group tested a selection of all-in-ones and CompactFlash cards. On the technique front we show you how to shoot terrific bug close-ups, and John Freeman shares his tips on making the most of wideangle lenses.**

Finally, as you can see from our group picture below we've just won (another) award. I won't bore you with all the gory details but basically it's for technical innovation and our trailblazing use of new publishing technologies. We beat more than 80 other IPC titles, so well done especially to Steve and Jacky, without whose tireless production work behind the scenes you wouldn't be reading this issue, and we wouldn't be stroking our shiny new perspex thing.

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## CAMERA NEWS

# Digital *Duo*

### Sanyo adds high-definition technology to its latest Xacti releases

**Sanyo is boosting its successful range of Xacti digital stills and video cameras with a digital duo of new devices.**

Unveiling the new arrivals at its spring trade-show, Sanyo introduced its premier release, the new **Xacti C6**, as the 'the world's smallest, thinnest and lightest solid state still and moving image camera of its kind.'

Following in the footsteps of the recently released C5 model, this latest entry to the Xacti line up not only boasts an enhanced 6-megapixel sensor, but also 30fps MPEG4 video recording, a large 2-inch LCD screen and a probing 5x optical zoom lens. The distinctive camera is set in the same mould as its Xacti contemporaries, and makes use of a vertical 'gun' style handgrip that strikes a design balance between the needs of both video and stills photographers.

It also includes Sanyo's own Digital Image Stabiliser, which promises to provide correction for the camera handshake that can occur when shooting long lengths of video. The system aims to compensate effectively under any zoom setting for more natural and clear results.

Hot on the heels of the C6 comes the **VPC-HD1**, an ultra-compact High Definition video and stills camera. A newly developed 2.2inch OLED (Organic Light Emitting Diode) display has been incorporated into the HD1, making it not only the world's first high-definition solid state camcorder, but also the world's smallest and lightest camera capable of capturing both high definition video and 5-megapixel stills.

Claiming enhanced attention to detail in terms of both design and performance, Sanyo's latest launches aim to underline the direction in which the company hopes to go with its digital camera line-up. One of the company's most successful product lines, the Xacti range initially debuted in 2004 with the C1, and this was hotly followed up with the higher-specification C4 and C5 models.

Both the C6 and HD1 will become available in photographic stores later this month, and will retail at between £700 and £800 for the HD1 and around £500 for the C6. Full product details are available on the manufacturer's website at **www.sanyo.co.uk**

# Cashback From **Canon**

**There's never been a better time to invest in Canon's EOS 5D digital SLR. The manufacturer has announced that it is to offer £200 cashback to anyone purchasing the groundbreaking 5D up until 30 June 2006.**

The camera, which received a mammoth 91% review score in our December issue, usually retails between £1850 and £2500 on the high street. The offer can be redeemed by sending a completed application form, along with the barcode and purchase receipt, to the Canon EOS 5D Promotion Centre. A sticker on the box of the camera will direct consumers to a website that supplies full details of the cashback offer, including the promotion centre address, downloadable application form and the terms and conditions that apply to the offer.

Alternatively, readers can find out full details at **www.canon-europe.com/2006promotions** or by ringing 08705 143723.

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# Mamiya *Mia!*

**After months of speculation Mamiya has finally released availability details of its much anticipated medium format digital SLR. Originally announced at 2004's Photokina show, the 22-megapixel Mamiya ZD is now available through authorised Mamiya retailers, priced £7000 for a body-only package.**

Utilising a large Dalsa 48mm x 36mm CCD in conjunction with an ASIC processing engine, the **Mamiya ZD** is able to capture 35MB RAW files. These can then be saved as a RAW file or converted to JPEG on the fly.

Developed exclusively for the Mamiya ZD, the advanced ASIC processor optimises image data from the CCD in real time. The ASIC engine also promises to provide a more accurate white balance facility and utilises power-saving technologies to prolong the camera's battery life.

In addition the ZD features a 1.8-inch LCD monitor for reviewing images, both Compact Flash and SD memory card slots and a lens mount that's compatible with 645AF lenses. Check out **www.mamiya.com** for full details.

# *New From* BenQ

**BenQ has expanded its digital camera line-up with the launch of new 5- and 6-megapixel compacts.**

First off the blocks comes the **BenQ DC E600**, which features a 6 million pixel CCD, 3x optical zoom and a large 2.5" LCD. Equipped with a so-called 3D-rotating lens, the E600 promises to zoom in and out at a faster speed. An additional Panoramic focus mode means that users no longer have to pre-focus in order to capture clear images.

For consumers with more humble pixel requirements, the 5MP **BenQ DC P500** promises a raft of features including a powerful 5x optical zoom, Pentax lens and macro shooting from just 3cm.

Complete specifications for both cameras are available at **www.benq.co.uk**

# Parrot *Photo Viewer*

**Looking for a fresh way to display your digital camera phone pictures? Then Bluetooth-specialist Parrot has got just the gadget for you.**

The manufacturer has developed an LCD photo viewer enabling users to display their mobile phone images through an electronic photo frame. The **Parrot Photo Viewer** consists of a leather or white leaded oak photo frame and a 74 x 54mm LCD screen. Priced £156.99, the frame will arrive in electronics and photographic retailers this summer. More information is available at www.parrot.biz

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# SnapShots

## FOND FAREWELL TO DIXONS

The Dixons brand is to disappear from the high street almost 70 years after its first store opened. The outlet's parent company, DSG International, announced earlier this month that it plans to rebrand its 190 high street branches Currys.digital. Currys, which was acquired by the Dixons group in 1984, will now have 550 stores in total while Dixons online and airport trading will continue.

## PENTAX-DA 21MM F3.2AL

Pentax has announced a new lens, the smc Pentax-DA 21mm f3.2AL Limited. This pancake-style model offers a viewing angle of 68°, or the 35mm equivalent of 32mm. The lens has a Pentax KAF mount and will hit stores this June. Pentax is yet to confirm a suggested retail price, but full details can be found at **www.pentax.co.uk**

## TETENAL TAKES OVER

Tetenal has announced that it is to take over the service and maintenance of Konica Minolta Minilabs, peripheral equipment, and chemical supply in the United Kingdom and Ireland. As previously reported, Konica Minolta recently announced that it is withdrawing entirely from the photographic market. Its digital SLR assets have already been snapped up by Sony.

## BAGS OF STYLE

Laptop case designer PORT has returned to its roots by unveiling a range of camera cases designed for digital enthusiasts. PORT camera cases are available in a trio of sizes, in cream, black or red. Starting at just £9.99, the range offers user-friendly features including adjustable shoulder and belt straps, robust metal fastenings and additional pockets. See **www.portdesigns.co.uk**

# Olympus *E-330 Kits*

**Olympus has confirmed that a range of kits featuring its E-330 digital SLR will become available in the UK later this year. Already on sale in the US, the six different kit packages represent customised, professional solutions for a wide range of photographic situations and diciplines.**

Coming in travel, medical, macro, nature, architectural and underwater flavours, the kits promise to open up new avenues for creative and qualitative digital SLR photography. Each provides users with enhanced power and versatility – building on the unique Live Preview capabilities of the E-330.

US packages presently include a Pro option which comprises the Olympus E-330 body, a ZUIKO DIGITAL 14-54mm 1:2.8-3.5 lens, FL-50 external flash unit and the protective SBC-1 E-System Bag Compact. A Pro travel option includes a similar range of kit and accessories, including a splashproof lens, compact camera bag and FL-36 external flash.

UK pricing and availability are yet to be confirmed by Olympus, but full details will be released on the manufacturer's website at www.olympus.co.uk

## New Cameras *at a Glance*

| CAMERA | PRICE | MP | LENS | LCD | SHUTTER | AVAILABILITY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sanyo C6 | £500 | 6MP | 5x | 2in | 1/2 - 1/2000 | May |
| Sanyo VPD-HD1 | £700-800 | 5MP | 10x | 2.2in | 1/2 -1/2000 | May |
| BenQ DC E600 | £147 | 6MP | 3x | 2.5in | 1/2000 - 2 | May |
| BenQ DC E500 | tbc | 5MP | 5x | 2.5in | 1/2000 - 2 | May |
| Mamiya ZD | £7000 | 22MP | By lens | 1.8in | 1/4000 to 30 | April |

# FotoInsight *Freebie*

**FotoInsight.co.uk, the online print processing service, has launched its own digital photo-editing software. The Home Photo Service promises to resolve eight of the most common tasks associated with digital photography including cropping, flipping, redeye removal, image resizing and file conversion.**

In an effort to promote its new online photo printing service the software will be distributed free for the first three months from FotoInsight's website, **http://FotoInsight.co.uk/pro**.

In addition to basic editing functions, the application also enables users to put together slide shows, order physical prints, create collections and organise albums that can then be burned onto CD. User friendliness is key to the software, which is aimed at those new to image editing.

Speaking of the new software, Fotoinsight's director Klaas Brumann commented, 'Photographic memories must never fade. FotoInsight is proud to provide the software that will help to preserve memories in vivid colours.'

# See *The Light*

**There's good news for studio photographers on a budget this month as Paterson Photographic has started stocking Interfit's latest affordable lighting line-up.**

Featuring flash, tungsten and halogen models, the new arrivals aim to offer enhanced performance at an accessible price point.

Kicking off the range is the EXD 200, a digitally compatible daylight flash, with 5v sync voltage and a guide number of 45. The new 300W Venus 300 offers similar specification as the EXD 200, along with a rubberised casing for protection on the move.

Tungsten fans will no doubt be pleased to meet the Stellar Tungsten range, which offer a 3200K-colour temperature and an S type bayonet.

If halogen is your preferred lighting system then the Stellar Halogen 1000 and 1300 models may just be the lighting solution you've been looking for. Featuring 1000W or 1300W of power, the lights have robust aluminium casing, fan cooling and S type bayonets.

Prices for a single lamp start at £62.99 and full details are available at **www.patersonphotographic.co.uk**

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# Power *Up!*

**Users of AA batteries take note! Leading rechargeable manufacturer Energizer is back with a new charging system aimed at digital photographers on the move.**

The Energizer Ultra Compact Charger is not only the smallest recharging unit on the market but is also able to power up both AA and AAA cells. Targeted specifically at users of high-drain gadgets, such as digital cameras, the new product is available now.

Alongside the Ultra Compact Charger, Energizer has also recently launched a complete new line-up of rechargeable products, including the Energizer Duo charger, Audio Charger for MP3 players and the Compact Charger Kit, which contains everything users need to charge both AA and AAA battery cells.

Full details of all of Energizer's new products are available at **www.energizer.co.uk**, and a review of the Ultra Compact Charger will appear in the next issue of WDC.

# *Could it* Be Magix?

**If you are one of the many digital snappers out there that finds it difficult to keep track of shots stored on computer, then the latest release from Magix could be for you.**

Magix Photo Manager 2006 incorporates PhotoID, a new imaging technology from Fraunhofer IDMT that can quickly identify duplicate images and group together photos from the same shoot at the touch of a button. Magix promises that deleting duplicate pictures and finding matching photos is made as simple as clicking Search in the program's Windows-compatible interface and then sitting back and waiting for the results to appear.

The software also comes complete with a whole host of archiving and management options in addition to optimisation features for the most common camera phone picture errors. For those who want to improve upon their pictures, Photo Manager 6 also comes with an enhanced version of Photo Clinic that includes newly introduced editing tools such as a Magnetic Lasso.

Out now, it is priced £29.99. More information about Magix Photo Manager 2006 is available at **www.magix.co.uk**

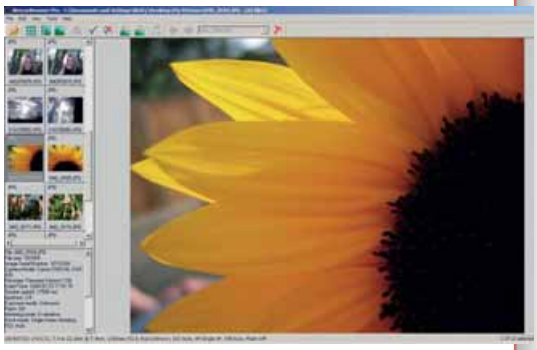
# It's a *Breeze*

**The latest edition of BreezeBrowser Pro has added new support for the Canon EOS 30D and improved colour management to the archiving software.**

The downloadable program has long been a favourite among digital photographers, and uses a browser-style interface to help users present, organise and convert their digital images.

The latest version, v1.4.2 not only brings added support for the Canon 30D, but also fixes problems relating to the handling of PSD and NEF thumbnails. As with previous versions of the software, users can also benefit from a selection of key editing tools, batch renaming capabilities and a function to create contact sheets.

BreezeBrowser Pro runs on Windows and is available as a 15-day free trial from Breeze Systems' website. BreezeBrowser Pro v1.4.2 is also available as a free upgrade for all registered users who have bought a licence within the past year. For more information, or in order to download a free trial, visit www.breezesys.com



# Fluid Mask *2.0*

**Looking for a way to create perfect cutouts from your digital images? Then you may like to check out the latest plug-in from Vertus. The cutout technology manufacturer has unveiled Fluid Mask 2.0 for Windows, a major upgrade to its Adobe Photoshop plug-in.**

Fluid Mask 2.0 boasts a set of new and enhanced features designed to improve usability and results. Key functions include Edge Overlay, which for the first time shows clean object edges within an image before masking commences. It is also now possible to select, group and mask objects in images for more accurate cutouts using the software.

Vertus also coincides the launch of Fluid Mask 2.0 with the announcement of a price reduction to £149 (from £179) following overwhelming interest from non-corporate customers as well as professional users.

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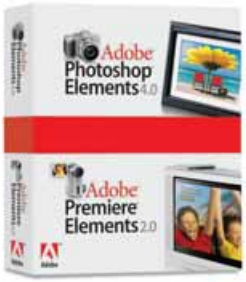


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## PEOPLE & PICTURES

Winning image submitted by BG Group Photographer of the Year, Bryan O'Brien

# Picture Editors' *Awards 2006*

**Amid much fanfare, the winners of the 2006 Picture Editors' Awards have been announced.**

The awards reward the very best in photographic journalism in the UK and Ireland; the winners were chosen by a ballot of picture editors. The ultimate accolade, BG Group Photographer of the Year, went to Bryan O'Brien of the *Irish Times* – the first time the title has crossed the Irish Sea. Colin Lane from the *Liverpool Daily Post & Echo* was named Getty Images Regional Newspaper Photographer of the Year, while the Getty Images Photo Essay Award went to Andrew Parsons of the Press Association. This was a keenly contested category, with entries up a remarkable 147% on last year. Andrew's PA colleague, Phil Noble was crowned BG Group Sports photographer of the Year.

Among the single image categories, Karwai Tang of the Alpha Press Agency took the Fujifilm Royal Photographer of the Year title.

If you fancy taking a look at this year's entries you'll be pleased to hear that for the first time all 8,000 photos submitted to the 2006 Awards are available to view at the Picture Editors' Awards official website at **http://pictureawards.co.uk**

# Death *of Bob Carlos Clarke*

**Photographer Bob Carlos Clarke has died aged 55 after being hit by a train on a level crossing in south-west London.**

Police say they are not treating the death as suspicious, following a report by a witness at the scene.

The award-winning photographer worked in many areas of photography, including fashion, advertising and photojournalism. He also captured many portraits of high-profile celebrities.

Carlos Clarke left his native Ireland in 1964 to study at the West Sussex College of Art. He went on to study at the London College of Printing before taking a degree at the Royal College of Art in 1975.

An inquest into the death has been opened and adjourned to a date yet to be fixed.

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AS SEEN ON TV

## Annabel's *on the telly*

Leading social photographer Annabel Williams is to appear on Channel 5's Gadget Show. Annabel was approached by the program to demonstrate how to create 'laid back' contemporary photographs while having fun with family at the same time. Annabel used her Canon EOS 5D and Digital IXUS for the show.The program airs on April 24th at 7.15pm.
Read our interview with Annabel in the next issue of What Digital Camera, and visit her website at **www.annabelwilliams.com**

## MPs use MPs *to beat the Lords*

MPs just managed to outnumber peers in the winners' circle at this year's Jessops Parliamentary Photographic Competition. The winning images were captured by three MPs and two peers. The MPs were Austin Mitchell, Andrew Miller and Gerald Howarth, while Lord Robertson and Viscount Allenby represented the House of Lords. The public will be given the opportunity to view selected images from the parliamentary photographs when they tour Jessops stores later this year. Further details are available by calling 01162 326017.

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# Travel Photographer *of the year*

**One of the UK's most hotly anticipated photography competitions has opened for its 2006 run. Travel Photographer of the Year (TPOTY) is an international competition designed to find the very best in travel photography.**

Anyone can enter – young or old, amateur or professional – and there's a total prize package worth over £60,000. The competition has four portfolio categories and a single-image category. Each category has a different theme and between them they cover every possible aspect of travel photography. There's even a special category for those aged 16 and under. The competition runs until September 9th and full details are available at **www.tpoty.co.uk**

# HOT *SHOTS*

What's good and what's bad this month

## HOORAY...

**What Digital Camera**

Your favourite magazine won an IPC Editorial award for Best Digital Paging, recognition at last for our tiny but talented team.

**Marie Claire's Angelina Jolie cover**

We loved Yariv Milchan's fab portraits of Angelina Jolie in this month's Marie Claire. Sure, he had a great subject, but these shots are special nonetheless.

**Print longevity**

Thanks to the HP B9180 printer's 300-year print life, your great, great, great, great grandchildren will have something to look back on.

## BOO HOO...

**Konica Minolta rests in peace**

The troubled camera manufacturer has finally relinquished its last claims on key assets, effectively consigning itself to history.

**8MP compacts: what's the point?**

Consumers can't tell the difference after 5 or 6MP on a 6x4inch print according to recent tests. We always said so.

**Garden photography**

Hosepipe bans and unseasonably grey skies should kill off your garden shooting ambitions for a few more weeks.

# WHAT DIGITAL CAMERA *Next Month*

## Mid-Range DSLRs

The Canon EOS 30D takes on the Nikon D200 and Fuji S3Pro in our three-way head to head

## Samsung GX-1S

Panasonic TZ1
Canon IXUS 60

## TECHNIQUES

## PLUS

## Annabel Williams

Exclusive interview with the UK's top social photographer

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Which is the fastest?

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# Best Shot *Selector*

Send us your best photos and win a prize

**Magda** *Straszynska*
**From:** Edmonton, Canada

After first experimenting with her father's old Russian camera in the eighties, Magda has been taking photographs for more than two decades. During this time she has enjoyed shooting and developing in black and white, and has more recently become interested in digital colour photography. You can see more of Magda's work at **www.avenue-art.com**

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**FLOWER SPRAY**
**DETAILS:** Canon EOS 350D, 50mm f/1.8 lens
**MAGDA SAYS:** Here the various little flower heads caught my attention, both the blurred and sharp ones. It's as if you really could have a 'spray' of flowers

***WE SAY:*** *We love the way that the flower heads all sit within their various planes of focus – and that blue background*

**GREEN TO BLUE**
**DETAILS:** Canon EOS 350D, 50mm f/1.8 lens
**MAGDA SAYS:** The contrast between the green, almost fleshy nubs and the papery white petals works for me in this particular image. And the way that the green washes into the blue

***WE SAY:*** *We couldn't have put it better ourselves – even if the buds do remind us of Brussels Sprouts (eughh).*

**REACHING OUT**
**DETAILS:** Canon EOS 350D, 50mm f/1.8 lens
**MAGDA SAYS:** The shallow depth of field draws out the beautiful patterns in this flower for me, like tiny clutches of fingers reaching out

***WE SAY:*** *Magda has an impressive talent for capturing the delicate and ephemeral qualities of her natural subjects*

**MAGDA WINS: A COPY OF ADOBE PHOTOSHOP CS2**
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## **Tony** *Hamilton*

**From:** Ware, Hertfordshire

Tony has been a photography enthusiast for 30 years, since first running a darkroom at the Ministry of Defence through his work as a research scientist. Now retired, his life as an ME sufferer features heavily in his images, examining psychological themes and the idea of being 'trapped' in the human mind. Tony recently converted to digital technology by buying a Nikon D200.

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## THE LONG ROAD

**DETAILS:** Nikon F1, 24mm lens, Photoshop 6, Nikon Super CoolScan 4000, Apple G4

**TONY SAYS:** This photograph was taken out of the front windscreen of my car as my wife and I were driving along one day. It looked so bleak because there was this long empty road with hardly any traffic. I then went to a local garden centre and saw this statue of a woman with a baby, and I just thought, what a long way there is to go – like a long road – when you raise a child

***WE SAY:*** *This is an intriguing and atmospheric image that has been skilfully constructed*

## ROOM FOR THOUGHT

**DETAILS:** Nikon F1, 24mm lens, Photoshop 6, Nikon Super CoolScan 4000, Apple Mac G4

**TONY SAYS:** I love entrances and exits, and old places with columns and archways. I wanted this to be like a metaphor for the mind – all the different parts of the brain and thought processes

***WE SAY:*** *This image is reminiscent of the work of M C Escher*

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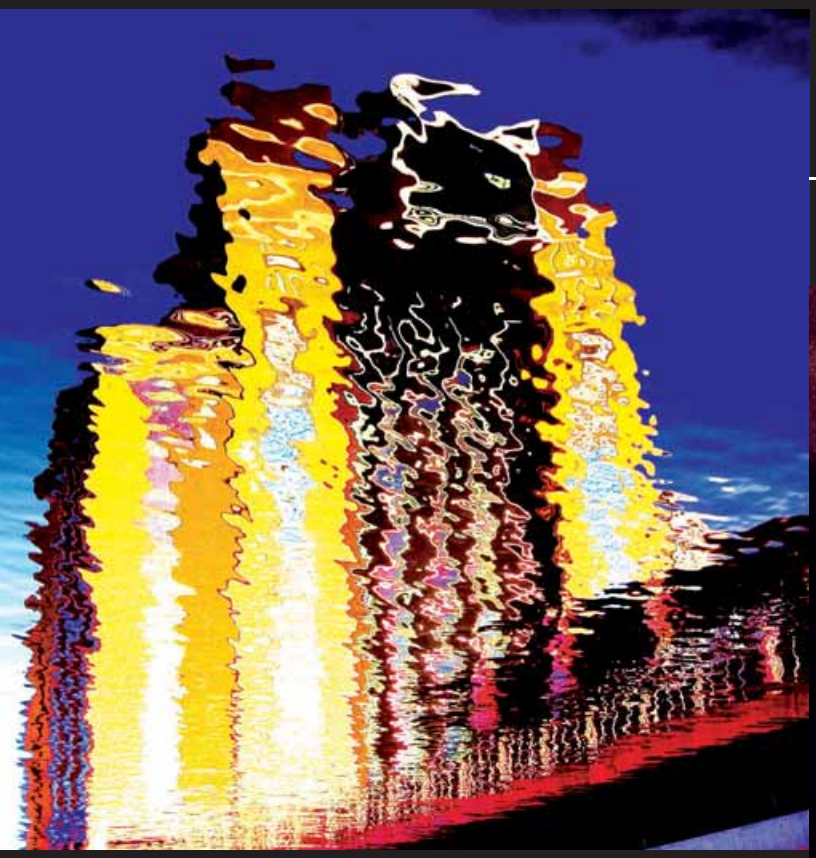
## THE GREAT DIVIDE

**DETAILS:** Nikon F1, 24mm lens, Photoshop 6, Nikon Super CoolScan 4000, Apple Mac G4

**TONY SAYS:** I'm not religious but it seems religion is again at the forefront of people's minds. There's a Sikh in the background in the bastion of this Church of England setting, used to signify the gulf between the religions. We all worship the same god but there's such a chasm between religions, which I think is a real shame

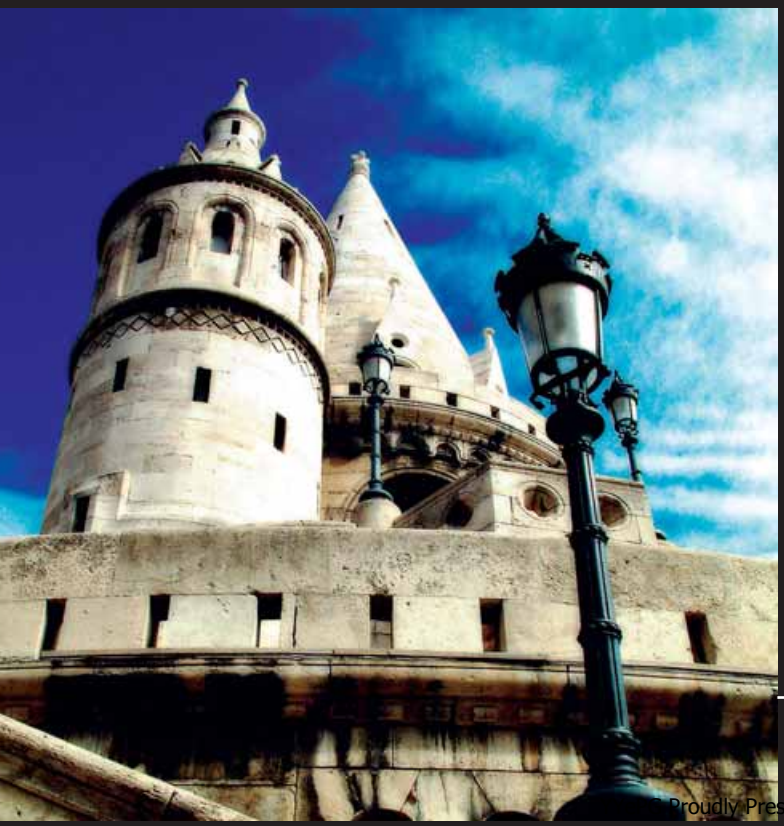
***WE SAY:*** *It's good to see this amount of thought going into our readers' images*



## John *Picton*

**From:** Blaydon on Tyne

I've been interested in photography for the past ten years now, and have recently aimed to try to take photographs that no one else has. I want to be different and take images that stand out.



### BALTIC ARTS CENTRE

**DETAILS:** Nikon D50, 18-55mm zoom at 55mm, 1/100 sec, F/5

**JOHN SAYS:** This is a shot of the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Arts on the Newcastle upon Tyne quayside. It's the old Baltic Flour Mill and has been converted into a gallery. This image is of the reflection of the building in the Tyne, flipped and rotated. I used the Hue/Saturation and Replace Color tools in Photoshop to get the mega-vivid effect I wanted

***WE SAY:*** *A stunning abstract with loads of impact. It was a great idea to flip the reflection too, and the colours work really well*

### THE FISHERMAN'S BASTION

**DETAILS:** Fuji 4900, 1/250 sec, f/9, Wide setting

**JOHN SAYS:** It's the Fisherman's Bastion in the Old Town of Budapest. Taken mid-morning just before the tourist buses arrived. I wanted a soft but slightly grainy effect for this one

***WE SAY:*** *John has captured this shot at a dramatic low angle. The use of hyper-real colourisation has enhanced the Gothic feel of the architecture and created something different*

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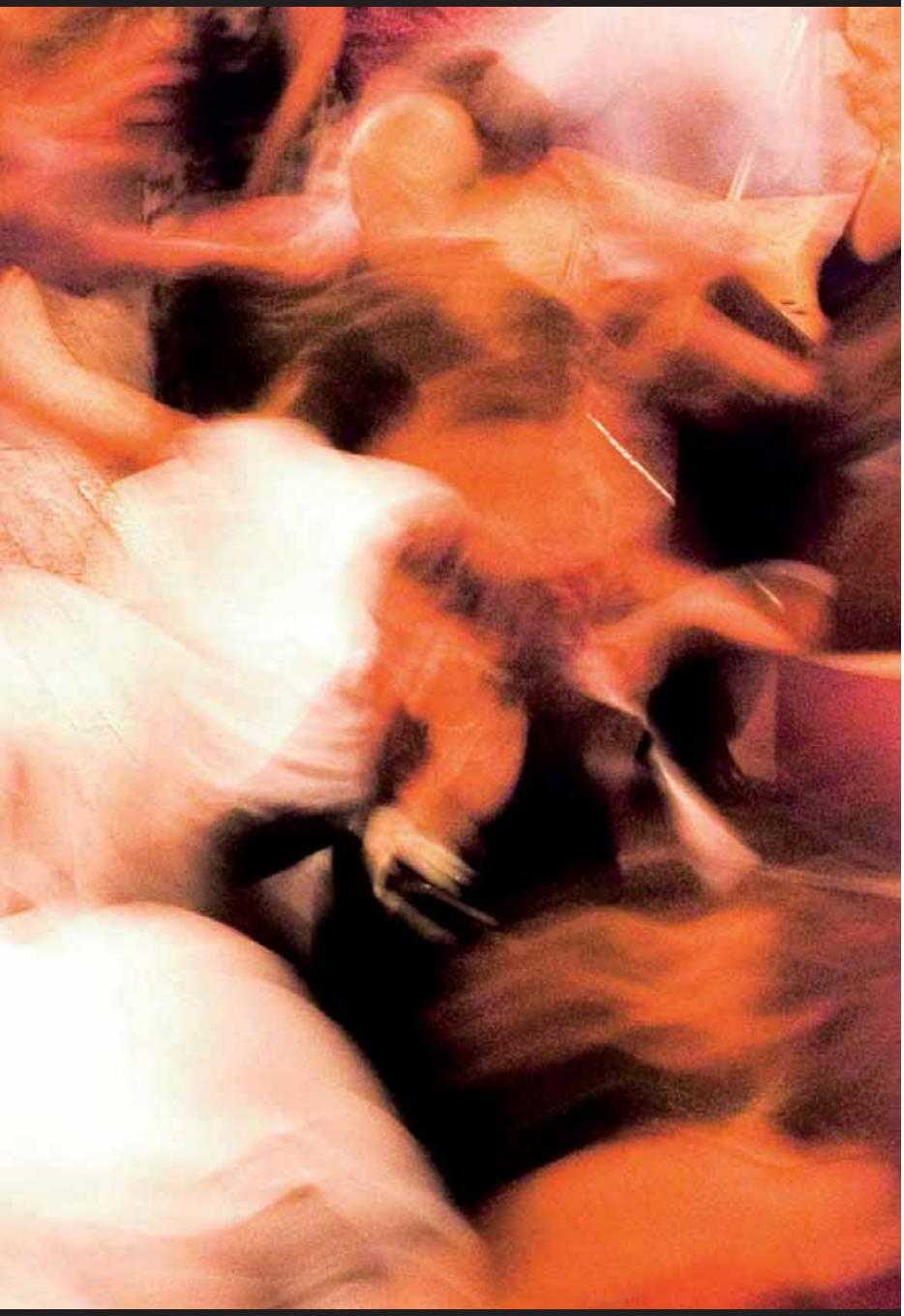
## THE DANCE

**DETAILS:** Nikon D50, 18-55mm zoom at 55mm, 1/2 sec, f/5.6

**JOHN SAYS:** A friend of mine wanted me to take some pictures of his wedding reception. As everybody there had digital cameras I decided to go for something a bit different. I used a shutter speed of half a second, hand held during the Ceilidh

***WE SAY:*** *And a good decision it was too. You've captured a much more interesting photograph than you would have done had you just stuck the camera in automatic mode and let the pop-up flash do its evil work. You really get a sense of the fun and movement of the occasion when viewing this image*



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## CANON EOS 30D

quick view

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- SENSOR: APS-C CMOS (22.5x15mm) 8.2MP Effective
- SHUTTER SPEED: 30 to 1/8000 sec/B
- ISO: 100-1600 (expanded 3200)
- EXP MODES: M,A,S,P, 6 Scene, Custom
- FLASH: Built in/ Hotshoe/PC
- VIEWFINDER: Pentaprism
- MONITOR: 2.5in TFT 230,000 pixels
- OTHER: CF I& II, JPEG, RAW, 5fps, Picture Style
- POWER: Li-Ion
- DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT: 144 x 105.5 x 73.5mm/700g

**8** mega pixels

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# Style & Substance

The 30D follows on from the highly successful 20D. **Jamie Harrison** finds out if this upgrade has anything of substance to offer

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WHAT DIGITAL CAMERA choice

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**Above:** JPEGs can lack 'bite' with a slightly flat contrast that benefits from some post processing

**Right:** Exposures are generally very good, and even images with a lot of highlight detail, such as this, expose well

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**back** view

A major addition to the camera is the large 2.5in LCD. Aperture and exposure compensation is controlled by the scroll wheel

**top** view

There's little difference on the top-plate between this and the 20D. The grey LCD shows camera information, while the mode dial offers plenty of options, and allows fast changes between modes

**side** view

The plastic CF chamber door is secure. The other side (not shown) has ports for PC, AC, Video and remote protected by a rubber port cover

# Canon EOS 30D

**If you want to cause confusion to camera buffs and journalists the easy way to do it is launch a camera called the D30, then launch another one a few years later called the 30D. Of course the 30D follows on from the highly successful and regarded 20D, itself a follow on from the 10D, which replaced the D60, the successor to the D30.**

**Series numbers aside, the outcome of this progression of models has generally been an increase in the amount of pixels on the sensor: from 3MP to 6MP and now 8MP. Both the D60 and the 10D had 6 million pixels; the 20D and the new 30D have 8MP. So is the new camera that much different from its predecessor? Let's take a look at the 30D and see if it lives up to the reputation set by its forebears.**

### FEATURES

Canon continues its dedication to the CMOS sensor, and the 30D contains the same version as the EOS 20D, with 8.2 million effective pixels, out of a total 8.5million. The sensor is also APS-C size, which offers a 1.6x shift in focal length on 35mm format lenses. Speaking of lenses, the camera continues to use the Canon EF mount, which means any Canon AF lens may be used, or similar from the independent lens makers.

So, what sets this camera apart from the 20D? Basically the camera has been updated to take advantage of some of the newer features Canon has been including in recent cameras. To start with there's a larger LCD screen, with 2.5 diagonal inches of viewable area, 230,000 pixels and a quoted viewing angle of 85° from most directions. Actually this is a little confusing; most manufacturers would refer to this as a 170° viewing angle, which sounds better, but also I think gives a better illustration of how easy it is to see the screen at obtuse angles.

Introducing a new camera with a large screen is nothing new of course; Nikon did the same with the D70s, and Canon followed up the EOS 1D Mk II with the 'n' version and an added half an inch. But, like the Mk IIn, there's more that has been added to the 30D. Canon has added its Picture Style software to the camera. We've covered this in reviews of recent digital cameras, but I'll briefly recap. Picture

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**NIKON D200 £1200**

**FUJIFILM S3 PRO £1200**

**OLYMPUS E-330 £900**

## buying guide

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# CANON EOS 30D
## quick view

**VIEWFINDER**
The 95% field of view is about average for this type of camera, and the information in the viewfinder is bright and clear. There's also dioptre control and a rubber viewfinder hood, so you don't scratch your viewfinder

**LCD**
The 2.5in LCD monitor is clear, though the type is rather small. The scrolling, Jump options make it easy to find your way around

**Scroll Wheel**
Turn the power switch to the unmarked notch to gain control over aperture in manual mode and exposure compensation in other modes. This isn't the most logical of systems and, until you get used to the camera, can cause a lot of wasted time.

Style provides a sub menu to allow you to add in-camera digital optimisation for popular subjects such as portraits or landscapes. There are various curves and settings for vivid, neutral or natural images, as well as black & white options. And you can download more options from the web, or build your own custom effects. It's like scene modes on steroids and works well. If you're shooting in RAW you can add the effect or delete if you're not happy. The other major upgrade incorporated into the EOS 30D is the frame rate, which has been increased from 5fps over 23 frames on the 20D, to 5fps over 30fps. This increase in buffer size may not be that significant to most, but if you're interested in sport or wildlife it could save your photographic life.

In other respects, there's much the same as before. The camera has a DIGIC II processor, magnesium alloy shell and the same shutter speeds as before. The AF system is the same as the 20D too, with a nine-selectable point system, enabling easy and fast focusing on off-centre subjects. Similarly the cameras share the same metering system, including AF linked evaluative metering, 3.5% central area spot metering and good old-fashioned centreweighted metering.

### DESIGN

The overriding design factor is the inclusion of the larger screen. However, there's still plenty of space on the camera's back.

The rest of the design ethos of Canon cameras remains intact, and this model is instantly recognisable as a Canon model. It's very well made and comfortable to hold, thanks to its robust and sturdy build, and also owing to the rubber grip.

The top-plate has a large LCD screen with readouts for photographic controls such as aperture, shutter, white balance, file format, drive mode and exposure compensation. There's also a battery status symbol.

Many of these settings can be changed with the buttons placed close by, in combination with the front controller and rear command dial. The left side has the mode dial, featuring the usual array

## image *quality*

For the most part the EOS 30D is capable of some extremely fine images, and generally exposure and colour are very good. The camera does suffer from Canon's standard flat image look though, and I feel most images could do with a slight tweak in contrast to get rid of a slight milky look that faintly covers the images. Viewed alone this is barely noticeable but compared to an image from another camera, or viewed before and after correction, you can see it quite clearly. This is noticeable in JPEG images as well as RAW.

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In terms of noise, the 30D performs very well, even at high ISO settings. ISO 1000 is about the highest I would recommend for comfortable images; any higher and I would be concerned about how the noise will show in the final images.

Finally a word about lenses. Several images I shot were less sharp than I'd hoped because of the quality of some of the cheaper Canon lenses. So it's worth investing in a decent lens, at least as a day-to-day standard, unless you want to see unsharp images and a higher incidence of fringing.

Generally though, I can't see many people complaining about the quality of the images they might get from the Canon EOS 30D.

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## **COLOUR** *AND CONTRAST*

Images could do with a bit of post processing, as there's a lack of punch, even to JPEGs. The positive side to this is that highlights and shadow detail is maintained in the images, with a good range of tones and pleasant colours.

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# CANON EOS 30D
## quick view

WHAT DIGITAL CAMERA

**FLASH**
For a bit of fill-in, or for an emergency, the EOS 30D has a quite acceptable built-in flash. For more involved work, a hotshoe offers dedicated flash lighting. A PC socket is also available if you really want to get clever

**LCD**
Information about shooting modes, image quality, white balance, and much more is provided here. Much of the information is also provided in the LED readout in the viewfinder

of manual through to program modes. There's also an auto mode and a set of scene modes, although considering the camera's target audience of enthusiasts and semi-professionals I think these are perhaps unnecessary, or even condescending.

In the centre of the top-plate on top of the pentaprism is a hotshoe and built-in flash. The flash covers up to 17mm lenses (equivalent to 27mm) and has a guide number of 13m – not too shabby.

> 'If you're moving up from an EOS 300D or 350D you'd probably appreciate the extra features and build quality'

On the side of the camera is a PC socket for attaching external flash units or studio lights. This socket is protected by a tough rubber cover, also covering the remote control, USB Hi-Speed and video out ports.

The back houses the LCD, the menu controls, and the rear command wheel, which allows menu and picture scrolling, with a central 'set' button. It doubles as aperture control and exposure compensation setting, which I always find awkward to use, as you need to set the power button to an unlabelled white line, which doesn't give the game away. Finally there's a toggle switch to allow manual control of the nine AF points, in conjunction with the AF selection button at the top right.

### PERFORMANCE

For starters I can attest to the camera's weatherproofing, after getting caught in a late March shower. As for camera timing, it's nippy, with near-instantaneous start up. The continuous burst mode offers up to 5fps over 30 frames in largest JPEG mode. Using a SanDisk Extreme III card, I managed a one-minute burst of 224 images, with a sustained 5fps burst lasting for the first 30 seconds to capture 150 images before the buffer filled up and the camera slowed down. Of course, that's using manual exposure and focus, so the camera has nothing else to think about. But that's impressive nevertheless, with an average one-minute burst speed of 3.7fps.

In other areas the camera performs well too. The AF is generally spot on, though it can at times dance between focus points or choose the wrong one, in which case you need to switch to manual selection. Canon also knows a thing or two about menu design: I like its scrolling action and fast jump to different sections, though I still find the typeface quite small compared to other systems.

### VALUE

At £1200, the EOS 30D isn't cheap, and I wouldn't suggest upgrading from the 20D. But if you're moving up from, say, a 300D or 350D, you'd probably appreciate the extra features and build quality. Similarly, for those keen Canon users switching to digital for the first time, the build quality and features make the camera a viable option.

### VERDICT

*As a new camera the Canon EOS 30D is a bit of a disappointment, but viewed as an upgrade to an already very good camera, it performs its role well. So while the extra functions don't excite us as much as a brand new model would, the Canon 30D is still a very good camera. Canon may appear to have missed a trick by not announcing something totally new in the same price bracket as the Nikon D200 that matches its pixel count. But Canon is canny, and it's rare that any opportunity is missed, so I suspect there's something else up Canon's sleeve. The 30D is a good camera but, in the grand scheme of things, perhaps not an important one.*

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## specifications

| | |
|---|---|
| MANUFACTURER: | Canon |
| MODEL: | EOS 30D |
| PRICE: | £1200 |
| SENSOR: | CMOS APS-C (22.5 x 15.0mm), 8.2MP effective, 8.5MP total, 3504x2336 pixels |
| MAX PRINT SIZE: | 17.52x11.68" @ 200dpi |
| LENS: | Canon EF Mount |
| SHUTTER SPEEDS: | 30-1/8000sec + B |
| ISO: | 100-1600 + 3200 expanded |
| EXP MODES: | M,A,S,P 6 Scene, Auto, Picture Style |
| FLASH: | Built-in, Hotshoe, PC |
| DRIVE MODES: | Single, Continuous 5fps over 30 JPEG |
| METER: | Evaluative, Centre weighted, 3.5% spot |
| WHITE BALANCE: | Auto, manual, Kelvin, Preset |
| VIEWFINDER: | Pentaprism, 95%view |
| MONITOR: | 2.5in TFT, 230,000pixels |
| CONNECTION: | USB 2.0 |
| REC FORMAT: | JPEG, CR2 (RAW), Simultaneous RAW+JPEG |
| FILE SUPPORT: | DSC, DPOF, PictBridge, CanonDirectPrint |
| VIDEO OUTPUT: | NTSC/PAL |
| POWER: | Li-Ion |
| STORAGE: | CF |
| OTHER: | Picture Style, Canon PhotoSolutions Pro |
| DIMENSIONS: | 144 x 105.5 x 73.5mm |
| WEIGHT: | 700g |

## what we *think*

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Build quality, LCD, menu system, low noise, high specifications

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Images need some post processing to reduce flat look, aperture/exposure compensation system, depth of preview button in wrong place

## the *scores*

| | |
|---|---|
| FEATURES<br>Specification, controls | 18 |
| DESIGN<br>Build, handling, ease of use | 17 |
| PERFORMANCE<br>Metering, focus etc | 18 |
| IMAGE QUALITY<br>Sharpness, colour etc | 17 |
| VALUE<br>Based on RRP | 17 |

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**back** view

Button layout is good, the viewfinder clear and there's still plenty of room on the back for uncluttered button placement

**top** view

Looking like a film SLR, there's a very non-digital feel to the controls on the top of the GX-1L, which looks simple enough to use from the top-plate alone

**side** view

Just like the *ist series, a side door pops open at the lifting of a locking switch to reveal the SD card slot

WHAT DIGITAL CAMERA choice

## quick *specs*

- **SENSOR** 6.3MP CCD (23.5x15.7mm) 6.1MP effective
- **SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/4000sec + B
- **ISO** 200-3200
- **EXP MODES** M, A, S, P, 20 Scene
- **FLASH** Built in/ Hotshoe
- **VIEWFINDER** Pentamirror
- **MONITOR** 2.5in 210,000pixel LCD
- **OTHER** SD, RAW, 2.8 fps
- **POWER** 4xAA
- **SIZE/WEIGHT** 125 x 92.5 x 67mm/470g

## up *against*

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**NIKON D70S**
£580

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£480

**OLYMPUS E-500**
£500

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# Samsung GX-1L

## A brand new yet strangely familiar camera

**£550**

**Tested by** *Joël Lacey*

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**The ongoing 'co-operation' between Samsung and Pentax continues with this 6.1MP model that startlingly resembles the Japan-only most-recently launched Pentax DSLR. Surely nothing more than an amazing coincidence. Whoever the actual brains behind this model, the Samsung GX-1L is a solid-feeling DSLR that offers a whole plethora of features including a Pentax K lens fitting, even if the manual stentorianly advises that only Samsung Xenon-D lenses be used. Given the huge number of Pentax KAF, and KAF-2 lenses out there, you'd think Samsung would appreciate the benefits of targeting existing Pentax film SLR owners, but apparently not. In fact, the manual is an exercise in not mentioning Pentax.**

### FEATURES

The specifications of the camera will be familiar to those who own a Pentax *ist model of some kind, but let's look at the specs in a bit more detail. On the chip front, the 6.3MP total CCD delivers a maximum resolution image of 3008x2000 pixels – enough for A3 prints with a thin-ish white border around them at a 200 pixels per inch printing resolution. The exposure system uses a 16-zone evaluative metering system that also offers a centreweighted or a spot metering option. The metering system uses focus information for added accuracy and this comes from a five-zone AF system to deliver focusing down to less than 10ins with the standard lens. As with all SLRs, this is measured from the chip, so in fact you can get as close to about four and a bit inches from the front of the lens. The frame's positions are shown in the viewfinder but do not illuminate to show you which frame is actually doing the focusing. Though this may seem like a missing function, I think the illuminated frames idea is often more distracting than helpful. As the image in the eyepiece is shown at maximum aperture, you are only ever going to get more depth of field than that shown through the eyepiece. If it looks sharp through the eyepiece, it will be sharp in the final image. To be frank, it doesn't matter which frame is doing the focusing as long as it is focusing in the right plane.

On the exposure side, there's a whole range of modes on the mode dial on the top left of the camera. The usual Manual, Aperture and Shutter Priority and Program modes are joined by five scenes on the dial and an additional eight from the scene position on the dial, as well as an auto scene mode if this is all too complicated for you.

As well as setting metering parameters, these scene modes will also make judgments about the best focusing and flash modes to use for a given scene. In these scene modes, the flash will pop-up (or not) automatically whereas in the modes that require more user control it is up to the photographer to manually pop the flash up. This means that if you're in a situation where you don't want flash (say, a candid portrait) the camera won't give the game away for you by flicking up and popping an anti-redeye flash out that will warn the subject they are being photographed. There's also

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INFO BUTTON
The info button allows you to select the level of information you want to see on screen when reviewing pics. A press in record mode shows pretty much every setting of the camera on a single screen
CONTROL WHEEL
The control wheel on the back of the camera is used to change exposure settings in record mode and to zoom in (or select thumbnail view) in review mode
FN BUTTON
The FN button allows speedy access to four settings (ISO, White balance, flash mode and drive mode) that are set with the four-way controller
UP
AE-L
MENU
INFO
OK
Fn
Rec. Mode
Image Tone
Recorded Pixels
Quality Level
Saturation
Sharpness
Contrast
MENU Exit
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a flash-off mode and a B setting to allow you to shoot long exposures. There are controls for saturation, contrast and sharpness in the non-scene modes, as well as a choice between two image tone modes.

Add in all the usual exposure and flash exposure compensation modes, three metering modes and a trio of focusing modes and the GX-1L is pretty comprehensively specified. The optical viewfinder uses a reflex mirror to direct the taking lens's image into a dioptre-adjustable eyepiece and you can review images on the 2.5in LCD.

There is a third position on the on/off switch for depth of field preview. Here, rather than the usual darkening of the viewfinder, the camera takes a quick image at the chosen aperture and displays it on the monitor. I like this feature, but it does make you think it's probably better to take a picture, examine it and delete it if the image is wrong. I was cursing when I got the perfect composition for my depth of field preview for an end-of-arm shot from above, then failed to replicate the framing for the actual picture.

Apart from this electronic DOF preview, then, and the digital filters (whose black & white, sepia, brightness and Slim options can be more accurately achieved in a specialised software), I cannot think of any other redundant features on the GX-1L.

The 'Slim' feature will make everything in the image look thinner. In effect, it is squashing the image sideways, though you can squash it vertically if you prefer and make it a 'Fatten' filter, or if you wish to slim when dealing with a shot taken in the vertical portrait aspect. The net effect is that of, for example, shooting a squeezed fat person rather than slimming them. Sadly, and only as I fear for my life, I cannot print the results this filter had on any family member or friend.

## DESIGN

The design of the camera is simple on the outside, complex on the inside. In other words you won't be too bamboozled if you steer clear of the menu and FN (function) buttons as all the controls that are physically selected by button or switch are self explanatory. You will need to bone-up in the manual on other features for menu and function-controlled features. The sculpted nature of the GX-1L, particularly for the all-important right-hand grip, means the camera feels safe and secure when held. Also you can shoot one-handed if absolutely necessary. The

'Sadly I cannot print the results this filter had on any family member or friend'

## image *quality*

On days with a featureless sky and flat lighting, the images were saturated and colourful without being alarming in colour. Indoors with flash, the colours were excellent as was the detail level. In shots of landscapes with defocused twigs, there was a hint of cyan/magenta fringing, but you will get that on virtually any model as you zoom in for a pixel-by-pixel look. In terms of gradation of tone the GX-1L does a fine job, with both natural and man-made items recording with a natural, almost film-like, feel. I felt happy about the camera's interpretation of all the images I shot during the test and that's about as good a recommendation as you can get.

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## **COLOUR** *AND TONES*

With its minimum ISO setting of 200 the GX-1L nonetheless delivers images that are smooth in tone and akin to an analogue rather than digital picture. The sloughed-off outer skin of the crocus's flower head is subtly rendered and the colour tones are all natural without appearing lacking in saturation.

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MODE DIAL
This dial considerably speeds up the process of choosing an appropriate shooting mode and should also make film SLR users feel at home
ON/OFF SWITCH
The on/off switch has a third position for a depth of field review mode. Rather than stopping down the aperture to show a darker version of the scene through the eyepiece, this takes a non-saveable picture to show what the image will look like
EXPOSURE COMPENSATION BUTTON
This button doubles as the Aperture selection button when the camera is in manual exposure mode
55 45 35 24 18
OFF ON
AUTO SCN
SCN
Av
AUTO

controls move with a very positive click, and feel built-to-last. They are widely spaced and easy to use in combination with the generous if not excessively large LCD. There's as much or as little information as you could wish for, including histogram display for manual assessment of image tone. The viewfinder eyepiece's field of view is absolutely fine for most framing situations with the missing 4% (it has 96% image coverage) being an irrelevance for everything but edge-to-edge document copying, which is not high on my favourite subjects shooting list.

Playback, zoom and the other review features, including the digital filters, are easy to use as well.

## PERFORMANCE

The camera is nippy in action and switches on and off relatively quickly. Having used a (very) similar camera before, I found it a piece of cake to use. The viewfinder is clear and the information display comprehensive enough to allow you to make the right decisions quickly and easily. The focusing system had problems with none of the subjects I pointed it at almost irrespective of light levels or contrast, which can't be bad. Trying it with a 300mm lens might be a different matter, but with the 18-55mm standard lens it proved a capable performer. The exposure system was sometimes fooled by scenes with strong backlighting but this should be easy to spot at the time with the instant image review, and it proved to be nothing that a very little tweak of Photoshop's levels command was not able to correct.

Flash exposures were very good and the control of output was especially impressive when it came to shooting subjects close to, with very little burn-out of highlight detail. Noise was very well controlled and even though the minimum ISO is 200, the auto ISO setting is unlikely to upset you unless it reaches all the way to 1600.

What you get from a 6MP image depends on the quality of the sensor and the image processing. Both are good on the GX-1L. I found the default image tone a touch warm for my liking, but you can alter that by selecting the alternative image tone.

Shooting at minimum compression JPEG setting proved adequate for the huge majority of the shots I took and if you aren't doing archival work I'm not sure I'd be too bothered about switching to RAW for the small level of improvement you might get.

'How much tinkering Samsung did under the bonnet is a moot point'

## VALUE

It's amazing when you think that you get a fully featured DSLR for what used to be the price of a mid-range film SLR. In its modern context, this is a keenly priced DSLR and given its pedigree I think it can be considered to be good value. It's rich in features and shouldn't break the bank, which is what you want.

## VERDICT

*How much tinkering Samsung has done under the Pentax bonnet is a bit of a moot point. The Pentax *ist digital SLRs were good before Samsung got involved and the GX-1L is very good too. It lacks a combined RAW and JPEG shooting mode, but other than that, there's little that anyone could say it lacks from a features point of view. It's easy to use automatically and the manual overrides and more sophisticated manual features should be self-explanatory for any reasonably experienced photographer. Best of all, the GX-1L delivers great images with a minimum of fuss and with a certain panache. In short, it's a camera I can happily recommend, and one I'd be happy to buy.* **WDC**

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# specifications

| | |
|---|---|
| MANUFACTURER: | Samsung |
| MODEL: | GX-1L |
| PRICE: | £550 |
| SENSOR: | 6.3MP CCD (23.5x15.7mm) 6.1MP Effective, 3008x2000pixels |
| MAX PRINT SIZE: | 15x10 inches at 200ppi |
| LENS: | Pentax K-AF/ K-AF 2 |
| SHUTTER SPEEDS: | 30 – 1/4000sec & Bulb |
| ISO: | 200-3200 full stop increments |
| EXP MODES: | M, A, S, P, 20 Scene modes |
| FLASH: | Hotshoe, Pop up flash GN 15.6 (at ISO 200) |
| DRIVE MODES: | Single, continuous 2.8fps (5 shots JPEG, 3 shots RAW) |
| METER: | 16 segment AF-linked evaluative, spot, Centreweighted |
| WHITE BALANCE: | Auto, 8 preset, 1 custom |
| FOCUS: | 5 zone AF, single, continuous, manual |
| VIEWFINDER: | Penta mirror, 96% coverage |
| MONITOR: | 2.5in TFT LCD |
| CONNECTION: | USB, AV |
| REC FORMAT: | JPEG, RAW |
| FILE SUPPORT: | PictBridge, EXIF, DPOF |
| VIDEO OUTPUT: | NTSC, Pal |
| POWER: | 4xAA |
| STORAGE: | SD |
| OTHER: | sRGB |
| DIMENSIONS: | 125 x 92.5 x 67mm |
| WEIGHT: | 470g |

# what we *think*

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Excellent image quality for pixel count; all round ease of use; speed in action

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Slight fringing of fine neutral detail; depth of field preview method seems a bit pointless

# the *scores*

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| DESIGN | Build, handling, ease of use | 18 |
| PERFORMANCE | Metering, focus etc | 17 |
| IMAGE QUALITY | Sharpness, colour etc | 17 |
| VALUE | Based on RRP | 18 |

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# OLYMPUS Mju 810

**8** mega pixels **3**x zoom

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**back** view

The rear is dominated by a 2.5in LCD. There's also a conveniently sized D-pad and mode wheel

**top** view

Clean and uncluttered, the top of the 810 houses the camera's power switch and shutter release button

**side** view

Switch to the right hand side of the camera to find the 810's USB port and wrist strap connection loop. The camera's asymmetrical design offers increased space on this side

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# Olympus mju 810

## We test drive the latest 8MP offering from Olympus

**Tested by** *Natalie Hitchins* **£330** www.olympus.co.uk

**Small but perfectly formed, the latest arrival from Olympus is at first glance everything we have come to expect from the manufacturer's stylish mju line up. Combining 3x optical zoom, a 2.5in LCD and a range of home-grown technologies, Olympus hopes its newest mju will turn heads.**

### FEATURES

Like any self-respecting compact the 810 offers a healthy clutch of exposure modes, adding the likes of Beach & Snow, Candle and Available Light to the usual Portrait, Landscape and Sport modes we've come to expect from cameras in this class. A twist comes courtesy of Olympus's BrightCapture Technology. This increases the camera's sensitivity to enable more accurately exposed night-time shots while simultaneously brightening the 2.5in LCD.

### DESIGN

The camera's matte, all-metal casing is resistant to water spray from any direction. Like its mju stablemates, the 810's LCD is positioned to allow as much room for essential controls as possible. A well-proportioned D-pad and mode dial are the main components of the camera's rear, and between them take care of most of the key functions.

### PERFORMANCE

In action the 810 is a nippy performer that springs to life with a delay of about a second. Focusing is similarly sure footed, and at the lens's widest setting the 810 locks almost instantaneously.

A single focusing mode and just two metering options mean there is limited flexibility for creative shooting, but the supplied selection of scene modes and optimised night-time performance mean that competent automatic snappers are able to generate accurate and attractive images.

### VALUE

As a package the mju is undoubtedly light on extensive creative shooting functions and therefore relies largely on its impressive 8MP CCD to earn its £330 suggested price tag. There is little aside from this extended resolution to enable the 810 to stand out from the crowd but, thanks to an impressive build quality and a high standard of production, the mju 810 manages to represent fair value for money.

### VERDICT

*Olympus has brought together all the most appealing aspects of its mju range and combined them in the 810 to create a high-resolution quality compact. Aside from a high maximum ISO, there is no particular stand-out feature, but the mju still manages to impress thanks to ease of use and a reliable, prompt shooting performance.* **WDC**

## quick *specs*

- **SENSOR** 1/1.8" (7.176 x 5.319mm), 8.3MP
- **LENS** 7.4-22.2mm (35-105mm equiv) f2.8-4.7
- **SHUTTER SPEEDS** 4 - 1/1000sec
- **EXPOSURE MODES** Program setting plus 20 scene modes, Mov
- **ISO** Auto 64-3200
- **FLASH** Auto plus 3 modes, max range 5.2m
- **VIEWFINDER** None
- **MONITOR** 2.5inch, 230,000 pixel LCD
- **OTHER** 640x480 @ 30 fps video, xD
- **POWER** Li-Ion cell
- **DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 97 x 56 x 22.7mm/ 145g

## what we *think*

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
An effortlessly compact and well-designed body style aids this compact's flexibility, while image quality holds up well in everyday shooting conditions

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Low-light and close-up shooting conditions detract from overall image quality. The camera's standard specifications also fail to inspire

## the *scores*

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| **PERFORMANCE** Metering, focus etc | 17 |
| **IMAGE QUALITY** Sharpness, colour etc | 17 |
| **VALUE** Based on RRP | 15 |

**85%**

## up *against*

**FUJIFILM E900**

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## image *quality*

In bright conditions, images are sharp, accurate and shine with a bright, full-bodied spectrum. In low-light scenes images often display edge softening and more noise. The 810 handles the needs of the everyday snapper, but at the extremes of the lens' focal range, quality dips noticeably.

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# FUJIFILM FINEPIX V10

**5 mega pixels** **5x zoom**

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**back** view

The camera's dominated by that big 3in screen, leaving little room for fingers, or even buttons

**top** view

The shutter release, power, and Finepix buttons are on the top, as well as a zoom control

**side** view

The slim camera has its USB and DC ports here, as well as a lug for a wrist strap and button for switching between still and movie modes

## quick *specs*

- **SENSOR** 1/2.5" (5.75x4.29mm) Super CCD 5.1MP
- **LENS** 6.3-21.6mm (36-130mm) f/2.8-5.5
- **SHUTTER SPEEDS** 4-1/200sec
- **EXPOSURE MODES** Program AE, 6 Sc, Mov
- **ISO** Auto, 64-1600
- **FLASH** Built-in 0.3-4.4m
- **VIEWFINDER** No
- **MONITOR** 3in TFT 230,000 pixels
- **OTHER** USB 2.0, games, JPEG, xD
- **POWER** Li-Ion
- **DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 83 x 63.5 x 23mm/155g

## what we *think*

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Good sensitivity range up to ISO 1600; compact and attractive looks might appeal to some

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Lack of finger space due to large screen; fiddly buttons and controls; overprocessed images; AF performance

## the *scores*

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| **FEATURES** Specifications, controls | 17 |
| **DESIGN** Build, handling, ease of use | 15 |
| **PERFORMANCE** Metering, focus etc | 14 |
| **IMAGE QUALITY** Sharpness, colour etc | 16 |
| **VALUE** Based on RRP | 15 |

**77%**

## up *against*

**SONY CYBERSHOT T5**

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# Fujifilm V10

## Small and attractive with a 3inch LCD and games

**Tested by** *Jamie Harrison* **£250** www.fujifilm.co.uk

**This year is turning out to be a year of improvements on digicams rather than innovations. The Finepix V10 is a prime example, with a few special features that set it apart from the crowd.**

### FEATURES

All Fujifilm's cameras now use the company's Super CCD, with the octagonal pixels. The pixels work together with the Real Photo Processor to provide extended sensitivity up to ISO 1600. At present Fujifilm is one of the few companies to offer this degree of sensitivity. The higher speed means the camera can be used in lower light conditions. If you can't decide whether to use flash, Fujifilm has added a Flash on/off mode, which takes two pictures in succession, one with flash and one with the higher ISO. You can then choose your favourite. There's also a 3in LCD taking up most of the back; a bright mode enables viewing in bright sun. Another innovation is that Fujifilm has added arcade-style games, which can be used with the pictures on your card to make them more fun. Among these are a maze game, a puzzle, a blockbuster game and a space invaders-like shoot 'em up.

### DESIGN

The camera is small, square, attractive and easily pocketable. This is despite the large screen, and there's the trade off. The controls on the back are small and fiddly, running along the bottom of the screen, and not easy to use quickly especially when playing the games. Because the screen takes up all the camera's width it is also prone to fingerprints – your thumb has to rest on the LCD.

### PERFORMANCE

It's nice to have all the extras on a camera, but what matters is how easily you can take pictures. The AF is quite slow, and despite the high AF, misses the mark several times, especially in low light. Considering the camera is aimed more at the younger crowd, who are more likely to use it at parties and in clubs, this is a low point. It also has a fair degree of shutter lag, which is disappointing, and in a social situation, you want to be able to shoot quickly.

### VALUE

There are better cameras at this price. If the low light capability appeals, even Fujifilm has better models. And even a mobile phone has better games.

### VERDICT

*An interesting experiment, but the screen and design trade-off is a step too far, and the games fun but ultimately a gimmick. Performance and images are sacrificed too, which is inexcusable.* **WDC**

## image *quality*

Aside from focus issues, images are okay. Higher ISOs produce noisy images, which I'd expect, but it's not as bad as those from competitors, so well done Fujifilm. Even at lower sensitivity, though, images look slightly overprocessed and suffer from a seemingly too eager JPEG compression.

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# NIKON COOLPIX S5

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**back** view

The five-way controller looks like any other but it is a combined four-way button and control wheel

**top** view

Press the portrait button on the left hand side and portrait mode attempts to find the face in the scene

**side** view

The only thing to disfigure the otherwise perfectly smooth and shiny lines of the S5 is a camera strap lug

## quick *specs*

- **SENSOR** 1/2.5" (5.76x4.29mm) CCD, 6.18MP
- **LENS** 5.8-17.4mm (35-105mm) f/3.0-5.4
- **SHUTTER SPEEDS** 2-1/500sec
- **EXPOSURE MODES** P, four subject modes, 11 scene modes, Mov
- **ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 400
- **FLASH** 0.3m-2.6m (W)/ 0.3m-1.4m (T)
- **VIEWFINDER** None
- **MONITOR** 2.5in TFT, 230,000 pixels
- **OTHER** SD/MMC, 21MB Internal, USB, 640x480 30fps movies
- **POWER** Lithium-ion
- **DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 93 x 59 x 20mm/135g

## what we *think*

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Attractive design with sculpted lines; full specification; range of overrides; DLighting and Face Priority; exposures and colour very good

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Prone to some camera shake owing to very thin size; bit of barrel distortion at wideangle; sluggish performance for moving subjects with slow AF and burst

## the *scores*

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**85%**

## up *against*

**SONY CYBERSHOT T9**

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# Nikon S5

## The latest of Nikon's super-slim compact digicams

**Tested by** *Joël Lacey* **£299** www.nikon.co.uk

**The Nikon Coolpix S5 is a 6MP 3x zoom camera that differs from the S6 in price and in that the S5 doesn't have wireless connectivity and has a 2.5inch rather than 3inch screen.**

### FEATURES

It does, however, have the DLighting in-camera exposure improvement system (seen on the 7900 and other Coolpix models), the exposure sophistication of a much heavier model, and the Pictmotion 'make your own video slideshow' system. There's the one-touch portrait mode selection which, at the press of a button on the top-plate toggles in or out of Portrait modes with face-priority focusing. There's also a range of scene modes and four subject modes. The face-priority is great in that it searches the frame for faces (like a sniper's cross-hairs) and finds them pretty accurately before focusing and exposing for them. The flash system includes anti-redeye mode and in-camera redeye reduction. The flash is a little underpowered.

### DESIGN

The Coolpix S5 is slim bordering on thin. The top-plate controls are tiny but surprisingly usable despite that. The backplate features a combined five-way controller and control wheel in a rather ingenious design. The big issue is where on earth to put your fingers. The right hand side has an inset space for the thumb to sit, but it's smaller than the tip of my little finger. In short, don't try to carry this thing while wearing gloves. It will fall if you do.

### PERFORMANCE

Focusing is good on stationary items, albeit a bit slothful if there is some movement. The exposures are by and large excellent, although an unwanted if eminently predictable silhouette resulted from shooting against the light. Colours are strong and saturated when required, soft and muted where appropriate. Where there was subject and or camera movement there was fringing, but image processing was rarely overdone and while the S5 is not meant to be a sports camera, there is still a bit too much of a pause for my liking in between shots.

### VALUE

With an SRP at £300, the Nikon S5 is competing with some excellent cameras. It's a well built and specified model that looks good, so for many people that would make it good value.

### VERDICT

*This is not a question of style over substance, but a bit more substance wouldn't go amiss. I'm not keen on the growing trend for smaller cameras with higher resolutions and bigger screens, but this one is above average for the genre.* **WDC**

## image *quality*

The image quality in good lighting with no subject or camera movement is very good. The DLighting does add a bit of pep to duller images but the incidence of images affected by camera shake is a bit worrying. Where images were good they were lovely, with splendid colours and detail.

**Image processing is subtle and rarely overdone**
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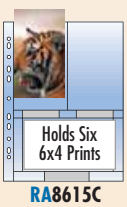


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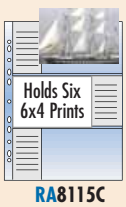


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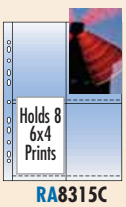


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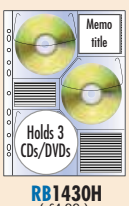


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**back** view

Dominated by 2.5in LCD, but still has a reasonable clear space for your thumb. Buttons a bit small

**top** view

Mode wheel pokes out from the chrome top plate. Power and OIS buttons keep the shutter button (and zoom collar) company

**side** view

The USB and DC input sockets are hidden behind a chromed, hinged door. The LCD screen sits proud of the body. The SD card and Li-Ion battery share space under a flap on the bottom

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# Panasonic FX01

## The world's smallest 28mm-equipped digital compact

**Tested by** *Nigel Atherton* **£249** www.panasonic.co.uk

## quick *specs*

- **SENSOR** 1/2.5" (5.76x4.29mm) CCD, 6.0MP
- **LENS** 4.6-16.8mm (28-102equiv) f/2.8-5.6
- **SHUTTER SPEEDS** 8-1/2000sec
- **EXPOSURE MODES** Program, 16 Sc, Mov
- **ISO** Auto, 80, 100, 200, 400, HIGH (800-1600)
- **FLASH** 0.6m-4m (Wide)
- **VIEWFINDER** None
- **MONITOR** 2.5in TFT, 207,000 pixels
- **OTHER** SD/MMC, Optical Image Stabiliser, Widescreen 30fps movie mode
- **POWER** Lithium-ion
- **DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 94 x 51 x 24mm/153g (with card and battery)

## what we *think*

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Design and finish; build quality; speed of use; big and bright LCD; wideangle lens; image stabiliser; picture quality at ISO 100

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Image quality at ISO 400; lack of manual exposure controls or enthusiast features; small buttons

## the *scores*

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**89%**

## up *against*

**FUJIFILM F11**

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**The latest in a long line of FX models, the FX01 looks, superficially almost identical to its award-winning predecessors, with a few extra curves here and there, but under that sleek and sexy exterior are some worthwhile new features.**

### FEATURES

The most useful of them is the Leica lens, which has been extended from its previous 35-105mm (equivalent) incarnation to 28-102mm – that's a jump from 3x to 3.6x, but more important it now has a useful wideangle. It's the world's smallest camera with a 28mm lens. Also new is a High Sensitivity mode for low light shooting at ISO 800-1600 at full resolution, and a 16:9 widescreen movie mode. Other headline features include the 2.5in LCD, Optical Image Stabiliser, and 6MP CCD.

### DESIGN

In their design, finish and build quality, Panasonic's compacts have few equals and the FX01 maintains the standard. Lustre finish metal panels front and back contrast with chrome on the top, bottom and sides and around the lens. Despite the large LCD and tiny body the FX01 doesn't suffer from the nowhere-to-rest-your-thumb syndrome of similar rivals, due in part to the zoom being on a collar around the shutter rather than a rocker on the back. The mode wheel and function buttons are stiff enough that they don't activate accidentally.

### PERFORMANCE

The FX01 maintains the range's reputation for very fast focusing and minimal shutter lag. Images clear the buffer quickly too, even in continuous mode – this isn't a camera that keeps you waiting. The LCD is not only big but bright, sharp, and quick to refresh (so there's almost no dragging as you pan). Zooming is swift but controllable. Battery life is above average. The ace, though, is that 28mm wideangle lens. It's surprising how often it comes in handy, and it's great that Panasonic has chopped barely anything off the telephoto end to provide it.

### VALUE

I'd say that £250 for a camera of this build quality, with a 6MP sensor, 28mm wideangle Leica lens and an image stabiliser is pretty good value.

### VERDICT

*The FX01 is a gorgeous camera to look at and to use, and the results don't disappoint either, except in low light, where Panasonic's Achilles heel, its noisy sensor, makes its presence known at the higher ISOs.* **WDC**

## image *quality*

In good light, images are excellent. Sharp, detailed, barely a trace of vignetting or fringing, and no more barrel distortion at 28mm than you get with other cameras at 35mm. High Sensitivity mode (which keeps the full 6MP resolution) is pretty ropey, but you'd only use that in situations where you'd otherwise get no picture at all. Exposures are mostly perfect, colour is excellent and the auto white balance needs fine tuning only in low tungsten light, when pictures can go a bit orange.

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# RICOH CAPLIO R4

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**back** view

The R4 doesn't offer any design breakthroughs, but offers clear controls and a decent LCD

**top** view

The lens demands a slightly thicker body than some recent cameras

**side** view

Unprotected AV and USB ports sit alongside the speaker/mic and wrist strap lug

WHAT DIGITAL CAMERA choice

# Ricoh R4

## The nippy R4 sports a giant zoom lens

**Tested by** *Jamie Harrison* **£250** www.ricoh.co.uk

**Ricoh has carved a niche for itself by offering something a bit different. The company has often impressed us with its unique features, innovative outlook and optical excellence even if some of the cameras don't match that promise.**

### FEATURES

The Caplio R4's standout feature is the 7.1x optical lens, first seen on its sibling the R3. The lens equates to 28-200mm, a favourite for SLR users wishing to cut down on their photographic luggage. This is supported with image stabilisation via a moving CCD, similar to the old Konica Minolta system. If that doesn't impress, the camera also has a 6MP 1/2.5in CCD, along with a 2.5in LCD with 150,000 pixels, the two main differentials between this one and the R3. Ricoh also claims a longer battery life, up to 330 shots between recharging, although these claims always depend on the amount you may use the flash or LCD. Even so, it's respectable. The R4 incorporates many of Ricoh's other well-known features, including 1cm macro, fast start up, minimal shutter lag and the reasonably new skew correction, for fixing diverging parallels in photos.

### DESIGN

Traditional users will appreciate the conventional design, while the full metal jacket shows that this is one of Ricoh's more illustrious models. On the downside there's no optical viewfinder, always a victim of ever-increasing screen sizes. The back of the camera is where the action is, with a sensible button layout and easily placed controls. The top-plate has the power, shutter release and image stabiliser controls. The menus are pretty straightforward, and an ADJ (adjust) button allows fast changing of common controls such as White Balance, ISO and exposure compensation. There's little to criticise on the handling side.

### PERFORMANCE

Start up is fast, the shutter delay is short and everything is where it should be. The R4 lacks the manual control of some of its rivals, but it has nice touches such as timed exposures up to eight seconds, a low ISO start of 64, rising to 800, and it is easy to hold.

### VALUE

At £250 for a 6MP camera with a long zoom, high sensitivity and image stabilisation, all in a metal shell, there's little to moan about.

### VERDICT

*Ricoh has produced a nice camera that performs well, offers something different and doesn't hit the pocket too hard. That's got to make it a winner in my eyes.* **WDC**

## quick *specs*

- **SENSOR** 1/2.5" (5.75x4.29mm) 6.04MP eff
- **LENS** 4.6-33mm (28-200 equiv) f/3.3-4.8
- **SHUTTER SPEEDS** 1/30-1/2000sec
- **EXPOSURE MODES** Program AE, 6 Sc, Mov
- **ISO** Auto, 64-800
- **FLASH** Built-in
- **VIEWFINDER** No
- **MONITOR** 2.5in LCD, 153,000 pixels
- **OTHER** SD, Image Stabilisation, USB
- **POWER** Li-Ion
- **DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 95x26x53mm/135g

## what we *think*

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Price; the 28-200mm lens is extremely useful; image stabilisation; macro mode; build quality

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
No optical viewfinder; some fringing; noise at higher ISOs

## the *scores*

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| **VALUE** | Based on RRP | 19 |

**88%**

## image *quality*

Image noise up to ISO 200 is more than acceptable; at ISO 400 it becomes more obvious and by ISO 800 it is intrusive, but better than earlier models. The image stabilisation works too. The only negative is a bit of fringing in high-contrast areas and towards the corners of the frame.

The R4 produces good exposures and pleasing colour
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## up *against*

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# A bunch of Tossers

## They hurl their cameras with gay abandon and record the results. **Gavin Stoker** meets the men behind this latest craze

**WDC readers may well be aware of adventurous photographers attaching their camera to a helium balloon or remote-controlled aerial device to generate dynamic camera angles and achieve abstract effects beyond those possible in Photoshop. But tossing your expensive kit in the air and catching it? Surely that's madness.**

Unafraid to label himself a 'tosser' is 29-year-old Texan Ryan Gallagher, who set up the Camera Toss website last August, and at the time of interview had been invited to exhibit his resultant photographs of complex and beautiful light patterns in Hamburg, Germany, with a second show planned in Berlin. Impressive stuff for a simple idea dreamt up by a

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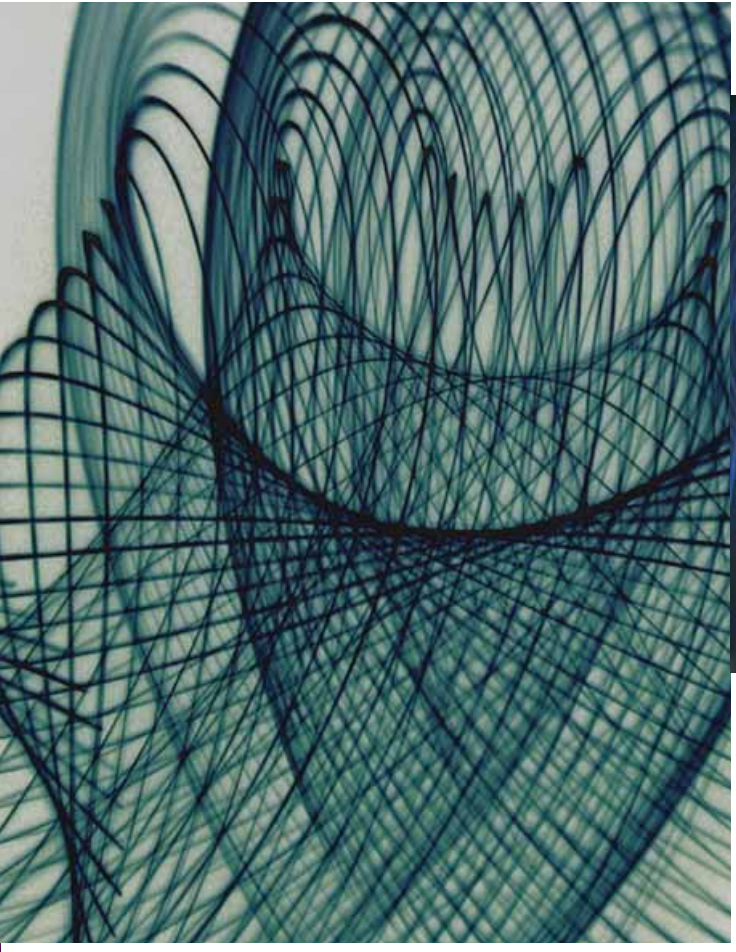
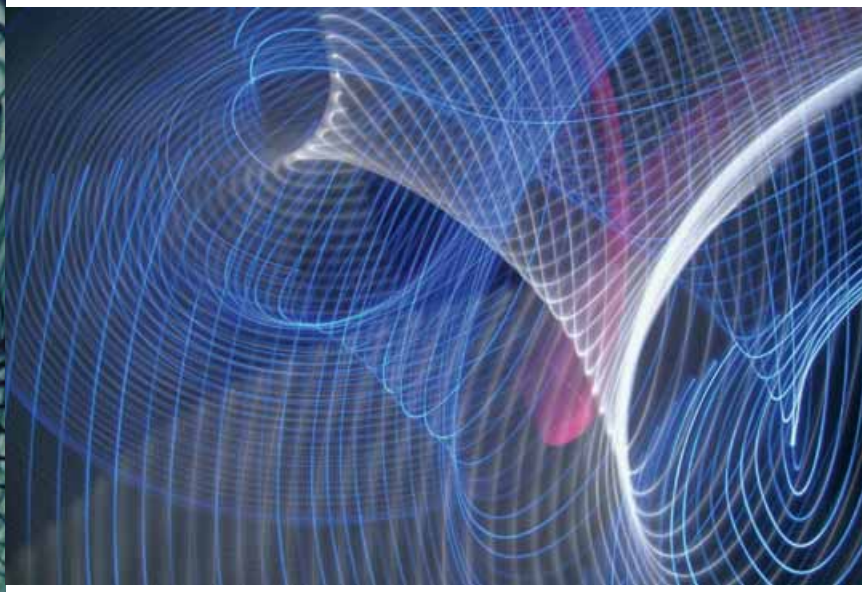
**Left:** WDC's Jamie Harrison tries his hand at tossing





**Left, far left and below:** Images by Ryan Gallagher
**Above:** Image by Thomas Lewis

hobbyist, who admits the reaction has been 'a bit surprising', though there is a thread: Gallagher's background is in theatrical lighting and software.

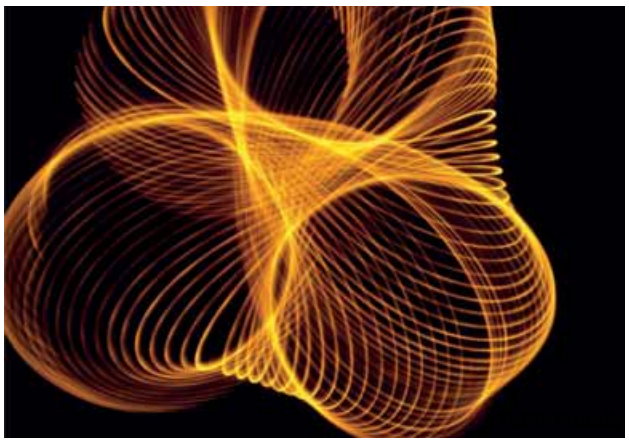
One of Gallagher's friends, posting on the site, recalls the moment when camera tossing was born:

'I was up late one night [with Ryan] at one of the usual coffee hangouts. The emergency services showed up, so we decided to head outside to play with the new light sources. [Ryan] had recently become frustrated with the limitations of one of his older digital cameras. So he decided to try a different way to compose a shot, and tossed his camera in the air. Since then, I've seen him go from casual tosser to experienced artist.'

Described by fellow camera chuckers as 'the biggest thing to hit photography since going digital', Gallagher's pioneering tosses have attracted interest from TV stations as far flung as India, and even from The Times newspaper, whose picture editor churlishly suggested he 'get a life'.

'There is a school of photography, grounded in photojournalism, that absolutely detests it,' notes Gallagher, who takes any detractors' comments as compliments. 'They claim photography should document something. To this I say: what is wrong with documenting motion itself?'

Appealing to those with a sense of fun, perhaps it's no surprise that the Camera Toss community at flickr.com – a portal of Yahoo – numbers well over a thousand members. Their images, which show dazzlingly hypnotic arcs, loops and streaks of light that sometimes surreally suggest real-world shapes – including, memorably, that of a foetus – are all the more surprising given the random nature of the way they're captured.



How it works is like this: first, you need to find an attractive light source. Those on the forum suggest that neon lights are the best. Second, set your digital camera's shutter speed for a long exposure: say, a second or two. If your camera won't allow this, try deactivating the flash. Gallagher also suggests pointing a fully auto camera at a black or very dark subject at the beginning of the toss, in order to 'fool' the camera into a longer exposure. Next, toss your camera into the air – preferably with a spinning motion if you can manage it. Last, don't forget to catch it in the excitement.

As the craze has spread, it appears that fellow 'tossers' are getting more ambitious with their own photographic flights of fancy. Postings on the discussion board suggest that 'tossing' has gone beyond just flinging old point-and-shoots, to the likes of the EOS 20D DSLR; one member noting 'they must have been pretty safe about the environment they chose'.

The downside with DSLRs, besides their value, is that they're big and heavy, making a catch difficult. 'You end up smudging your fingers over the lens,' posts a brave EOS D30 tosser.

Another forum regular known as 'Nod' – Thomas Lewis to his friends – has this to say about his attempts with a Canon EOS 10D: 'Obviously the 10D gives you more control over the settings than you get on a point and shoot and there's a certain rush of adrenaline that isn't quite the same with a cheaper camera.'

**The Camera Toss community at flickr.com numbers well over a thousand members**

Despite the benefit of manual features on the EOS, Lewis recently bought a Nikon 3700 and Pentax Optio WR33 on eBay for less risky tossing. 'The smaller cameras make it easy to put the required spin on the camera, which is the main thing,' he explains. 'And they tend to give vivid results straight out of the camera, which is great as I don't like doing too much editing.'

Gallagher notes that digital cameras have contributed greatly to the rapid spread of the camera-tossing craze. 'It costs nothing to try, provided that you catch the equipment,' he says, 'and the immediate viewing via the LCD is helpful, as it provides feedback that can be used to hone your technique in real-time.'

## PAINTING WITH LIGHT

Having viewed the hundreds of JPEGs online and witnessed the obvious fun and enthusiasm, there's one question needs to be asked: can you become addicted to tossing? 'Most definitely,'

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**Above:** By Ryan Gallagher
**Left:** By Thomas Lewis

replies colourfully named forum regular 'FlyButtafly'. 'Part of the addiction comes down to the fact that you have to toss the camera many times to get a result you like, and you never get the same twice. The light patterns can be mesmerising and the possibilities are endless.'

Camera Toss founder Gallagher agrees. 'So many people have digital cameras these days... the urge to just try it was apparently quite overwhelming,' he says. 'I was astounded by the results.

## 'My poor Canon PowerShot has been damaged. I'm a clumsy catcher'

I love abstract painting with light, but every other camera movement/blur shot I've seen involves light sources either spinning together, or moving in a linear fashion.'

The random nature of camera tossing is guaranteed to produce unique results, occasionally quite breathtaking. Apparently, cameras that display noticeable shutter lag are some of the best for making toss images.

'I like that in many of them you can almost "feel" the way the camera was turning,' Gallagher enthuses. 'Seeing the same light tracer moving across the frame in different places with variation in direction and position provides neat hints as to how the camera spun or didn't spin. I love the textures and directional layers you can get.'

But it's surely also because you don't need a camera that is any more advanced than a cheap point and shoot – the seldom-reviewed likes of the Logitech Pocket Digital or Vivitar Vivicam are mentioned online – that the idea has caught the public imagination. As one college student acknowledges: 'Being at art school does kind of push you in the direction of high-end cameras and with very little room to move around. Seeing something incredibly beautiful done with something as simple as a point-and-shoot camera really gave me hope.'

However there are some pitfalls. 'My poor old Canon PowerShot has been damaged,' claims one posting. 'I'm a clumsy catcher. But still tossing and turning.' Apart from accidentally smashing your camera to bits, Gallagher notes that catching it can also be a jolt to the equipment and many models exhibit shut-down problems because the batteries lose contact momentarily on impact.

So if you're not so brave, there's always the option to keep hold of the camera strap while spinning around, on the wrist if you like – though purists claim that while this is 'kinetic photography', it is not a true toss.

As for which cameras are best for tossing, Gallagher advises that those with even weight distribution and a centrally positioned lens result in a tight 'blurring radius', whereas a camera with a lens positioned more to one side will increase the arc of capture.

Why not try your own camera toss experiments? You might get strange looks, but with results such as these it's got to be worth a toss.

Find out more by visiting *www.cameratoss.blogspot.com* or *www.kineticphotography.net*

A stunning portfolio called 'Best of Toss' can also be found at: *www.flickr.com/photos/clickykbd/sets/1133991/*

**• GIVE A TOSS! Send your own camera tossing shots to us at wdc@ipcmedia.com and we'll publish the best ones.**

## TOP 5 TOSSING TIPS

**PRACTISE CATCHING**
Develop your catching ability and/or find a cheap digital camera; one that you won't shed too many tears over should you be cursed by butterfingers.

**LIGHT IT UP**
Find a good light source, preferably when it's dark. Neon lights are among the best for stunning patterns.

**LONG EXPOSURE**
Before you toss it, set your digital camera to a long exposure, turn off the flash, or fool it into a long exposure by pointing it at a dark object.

**BIT OF SPIN**
Throw your camera airwards – up to six foot – with just a little spin. Experiment until you're pleased with the results displayed on your camera's LCD.

**GET TO KNOW THE VARIABLES**
If at first you don't succeed, toss, and toss again. 'Over time you'll start to recognise the variables and begin to have more influence on the results,' says Ryan Gallagher.

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# WIN! A holiday for two to Paris with LightScribe

You've just created a fantastic portfolio – now personalise it and add your own unique style, by making the disk label with LightScribe. LightScribe is the no-hassle way of creating amazing looking images on your CDs and DVDs. Simply burn your data – perhaps an album of photos from Paris – flip the disk over, and burn your label. Express your creativity with your own text, photos or something you have designed, to produce a label that will really stand out. No more messy markers or sticky labels!

LightScribe is offering you the chance to win a holiday for two to Paris with three nights' stay in a luxury hotel as well as a LightScribe drive and LightScribe media. Staying in the heart of one of the world's most glamorous cities, you'll have the perfect setting to add to your photo collection and everything you need to create your own beautifully labelled photo compilation.

Five runners up will win a LightScribe drive with LightScribe media.

## ABOUT LIGHTSCRIBE

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A: Laser etching B: Ink printing **ANSWER:** _____

**Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms:** _____
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# ACCESSORIES *software & hardware*

We test the latest kit to improve your photography

# HP *Photosmart Pro B9180*

## Vincent Oliver reviews HP's new pigment-based A3+ printer, the B9180

**SPECIFICATIONS:** USB 2 and Ethernet 802.3 connections. **INKS:** Eight Vivera pigment waterproof inks: Matte Black, Photo Black, Light Grey, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Light Magenta and Light Cyan. Four ink cartrides containing 2 inksets

**£499**

**www.hp.com**

HP has just announced its first pigment-based A3+ printer, the HP Photosmart Pro B9180. The printer is built like a tank and will suit a professional studio photographer as well as the serious hobbyist and fine art photographer.

The HP B9180 uses four replaceable print heads. Each print head handles two colours and can be easily replaced at any time. The printer boasts eight colours, and two of the inks are Photo black and Matte black, which are switched automatically depending on the media type selected. The eight ink cartridges, which each hold 28ml of ink, are stored in a compartment at the front of the printer.

Paper is front loaded via a heavy duty paper tray, which accommodates media sizes from 10 x 15cm to A3 and envelopes. As with most HP printers the media passes through a U-bend feed system. There is also a straight paper path directly above the paper input tray, which supports media with a thickness of up to 11.5 mil. Prints are delivered onto an extendable output tray.

A very simple to use control panel is on the front, whch gives the following options: Print a test page, Print a sample page (using a HP image), Network settings, Clean printheads, Align printheads, and Calibrate printer. This last option automatically adjusts the printer's colours to match the media type. Finally there's a graphic and numerical display to show you how much ink is left in each cartridge.

The printer installation includes an Adobe Photoshop plug-in. This is accessed in Photoshop via **File > Automate > HP Pro Print**. The user can now set all the printer options, colour management, media type and other settings from this central dialogue box.

This printer is easy to set up; you don't have to wade through a thick manual first. I had reservations about a U-bend feed system, as I have always used rear gravity feed printers. However, using this printer made me quickly realise some of the less obvious advantages, namely the media is well protected against dust and other objects falling into the rear of the printer. In the five months I have been using this printer I have not had any paper jams.

> 'This is only a beta version but the quality of printing is outstanding'

**VERDICT**

**Though the printer we have here is a beta version and still needs the Windows drivers to be tweaked, the quality of printing so far is outstanding, especially on a Mac. I'm sure the final retail version will give other manufacturers something to worry about. WDC**

**the *scores***

**93%**

**18** features
**18** ease of use
**19** performance
**19** results
**19** value

**WHAT WE *LIKE:***
Build; 200 years life of prints (claimed); replaceable print heads; separate ink cartridges

**WHAT WE *DON'T LIKE:***
The large physical size (w 25.3in, h 8in, d 15.7in); maximum media length of 19ins

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## Visible Dust Economy 1.6x

**£65**

**www.warehouseexpress.com**

Visible Dust brushes let you clean dust on your DSLR sensors. The kit we tested included a sensor brush and fanned brush. Visible Dust's website (**www.visibledust.com**) goes into great detail on how to safely clean the sensor. The brushes work in conjunction with compressed air to charge them. The filaments attract dust as you gently brush, so reducing any danger of scratching the sensor. The second brush can be used to clean the chamber. It's not cheap, but it works, and over time may be cheaper than sending your camera away or replacing it. **85%**

## SanDisk Ultra II Plus USB SD

**£50**

**www.sandisk.com**

It's time to get rid of your card reader and stop carrying cables around. The SanDisk Plus cards connect directly to a USB socket thanks to a fold-out plug. Ideal for laptops, or showing pictures on a friend's PC. And it offers the same performance as a regular Ultra II SD card. **85%**

# Sony Ericsson *W900*

## A 2MP mobile phone with autofocus and digital controls

**TYPE:** Camera Phone **£SUBJECT TO CONTRACT** **www.sonyericsson.co.uk**

Mobile phones are ubiquitous, and almost all of them has a camera built in these days. So WDC is taking more than a passing interest. We don't expect much in the way of quality compared to a dedicated camera, but anything that allows us to take pictures and encourages others to take more pictures, is a good thing.

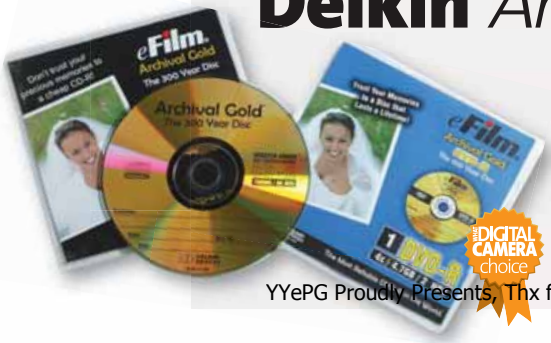
The W900 from Sony Ericsson is more than just a cameraphone though, so we'll run through a few of its other features first. First, it's a phone, with 3G, GPRS and GSM capability. That means you can video call, make normal calls, surf the net, send texts, emails and picture messages.

It's also a Walkman, with a built-in MP3 player and 470MB worth of storage, enough for a few albums, or a few pictures or video.

As with most mobiles, there's also the calendar functionality, games, calculator and so on. In short, it does pretty much everything an iPod, a PDA and a phone can do. And a camera. In fact the camera specs aren't too shabby, with 2 megapixels and autofocus. Unlike some of the low-end camera phones of up to about 1.3MP, the W900 has a built-in flash and digital controls, including exposure compensation, spot metering, night shooting mode and white balance control. There's even a more powerful flash to add on the USB/power socket, though it's not that much more powerful.

The camera is a spin-out type – that is, it's in two parts, with the keypad in the bottom section, and the camera, LCD and controllers in the top pad. Pushing the top section on the side forces it to spin out into a regular phone position. The camera is used in the closed position. I find the spin system a pain to use, and half the time the phone ends up upside down. You have to try it, to understand what I mean. But the buttons are nice to use and large enough for my giant

# Delkin *Archival Gold Disks*




## Long-lasting disks

**£TBA** **www.delkin.com**

There's been much talk recently of the archival life of CDs and DVDs, as well as the ever-changing technology of optical disks in general. One point is the accessibility of the media as formats change; well nothing is future proof and I can't guarantee that future PCs will accept CDs and DVDs. The other worry is that the dyes in the disk coating break down and make the disks unreadable. Delkin claims to have

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'The Sony W900's LCD is one of the best I've seen yet on a phone'

digits. The Walkman sound isn't bad, as you'd expect from a Sony. And the LCD is one of the best I've seen yet on a phone.

Image quality is okay, but I'm not giving up my Nokia N90 just yet. They're better than most cameraphones, but still have a grid-like grain, rather like cheap digital cameras of a few years ago. The problem is the small lens/sensor combination. For small images it's fine, but try to enlarge them past around 3 1/2 x 5in and you'll see some problems. Similarly, the dynamic range struggles with anything more than a small contrast range, blowing some details out to a sketchy cartoon.

**VERDICT**

**A good all round gadget, but fails to match the quality of dedicated devices. Nikon and Canon needn't worry... yet.**

**WHAT WE *LIKE:***
LCD, extra features, add-on flash

**WHAT WE *DON'T LIKE:***
Flip-round design, noise

**the *scores***

**18** features
**17** ease of use
**14** performance
**15** design
**16** value

**80%**

overcome this by incorporating Gold into the dyes and claiming a lifespan of 100 years for DVD and 300 years for CD.

The new disks also incorporate 'Scratch Armor' to protect the delicate underside of the disk. I mishandled my review disks and they still seem OK, so I can verify that – although a compass point gouged across the disk caused problems. As for the longevity, I'm happy to take their word for it and sleep slightly easier at night, but come back in 2306 for the conclusive report. **85%**

# Lowepro *CompuDayPack*

## An all-round bag for your photo kit and computer

**£80**
**www.lowepro.com**

Lowepro's (fairly) colourful new CompuDayPack is designed to carry a small SLR system, a laptop and anything else you might need on a day's shoot, such as your lunch or paperwork.

Divided into three sections – camera, computer and other – the bag is comfortable and well made, with good lumbar support and even weight distribution. The main compartment has pockets for cables and pens and so on, while a front pocket will hold an iPod and has a rubberised headphone hole.

The bottom of the bag is where the photographic gear is held, and this section is hinged to prevent spills and tips. There are six padded compartments, which can be customised to suit your kit. Alternatively, the whole section can be removed and the compartment used for something else, should you ever need extra space and don't need your camera.

This is a good all-round bag but it lacks some features such as a tripod holder and bungee cords; though obviously Lowepro do other types of bag if you need more features.

It's nice to see Lowepro break with tradition and add a splash of colour (red, green, or silver), making the bag quite stylish and urban, without having the knowingly funky look of some other bags. **87%**

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## Hoodman Flip-up LCD Cap

**£18**

**www.hoodmanusa.com**

Have you ever gone out in the summer and seen photographers with their heads under their jackets trying to review the images on the LCD monitors of their cameras in bright sunlight? You may well have done it yourself. I don't think it's that far a leap to the old days of the view cameras and black cloths of the 19th century. The Hoodman LCD hood is a simple and effective solution.

Available for several SLR models, the flip-up hood attaches to the rubber protector groove of the viewfinder, getting rid of the need for the glue or Velcro of similar systems.

The three-part folding hood shades the LCD from sunlight and folds down easily in order to allow you to use the viewfinder. In addition, the hood protects the LCD from nose grease, scratches and other dangers.

Like I said, it is simple and effective. **88%**

'A new feature is a set of film height adjusters'

# Epson Perfection *V700 Photo*

**£399** www.epson.co.uk

## Vincent Oliver tests a professional-quality scanner

**TYPE:** 4800ppi optical resolution (reflective), 6400ppi optical resolution (film) **REQUIREMENTS:** USB 2.0 and Firewire (IEEE 1394) ports **OTHER:** All film formats supported up to 10x8in, Digital ICE; 4.0 Dmax

The V700 scanner has a dual lens system: a 4800ppi lens for all the reflective scanning and large-format film up to 10x8in, and a second lens for high-quality film scanning with an optical resolution of 6400ppi. In our test the lens performed at its best in the 3200 to 4800ppi range. The 6400ppi setting generated large files and didn't offer much better image quality. The lenses automatically switch when you select the document type in EpsonScan.

The scanner has five film holders: 12 mounted 35mm slides, four strips of 6 exposure 35mm film, two strips of 120 film (6x20cm), two sheets of 5x4in and a film area guide for 10x8in or other film sizes. Generally the build quality of the film holders is very good but, as this scanner is aimed at the semi-professional user, I would have liked a sturdier construction. A new feature is a set of Film Height adjusters, small feet fitted on the reverse side of each holder.

There are three settings (2.5mm, 3mm and 3.5mm) that set the height of the holders above the lens, or a crude zone-focusing system. There was a marked difference in scan sharpness at each height. For 35mm slides the best setting is 3.5mm (3mm is the default).

The V700 comes with software including Adobe Photoshop Elements 3 (Mac & Win), SilverFast SE, EpsonScan, Abbyy Fine Reader (OCR software) and a selection of small Epson applications.

**VERDICT**

***The V700's superb scan quality equals that of many dedicated film scanners, and often surpasses them.***

**the *scores***

**92%**

**18** features
**18** ease of use
**19** performance
**19** design
**18** value

**WHAT WE *LIKE:***
Multiple film format scanning; build; price; bundled software

**WHAT WE *DON'T LIKE:***
Fiddly film height adjusters; 120 film holder too short for 3 frames of 6x7

# Silver Oxide *Landscape*

Those who really, really like to tinker under the bonnet of digital images will have learned how to tweak the lacklustre into the acceptable and the acceptable into the excellent. For the rest of the human race, there are plug-ins. The latest on our radar are two from Silver Oxide that seek to replicate the effects of polarising and colour filters for colour and black and white landscapes. Both filters come with 16-bit

# Compact Flash *Roundup*

Speed up your camera and cut your download times with a high-speed card

## DELKIN EFILM PRO

**From £30**

Delkin's eFilm Pro offers 133x speed, the upper limit of what's available. Higher capacity cards are available up to 8GB. Cameras should support FAT32 formatting for 2GB cards and above.
In use the card allowed a 20-second burst of 5fps with a Canon 30D, and maintained a 4-5fps burst before finally slowing to 2-3fps. The camera stalled for 8 seconds during the one-minute continuous shooting, but otherwise it was most impressive.

### tech *specs*

**MAKE:** Delkin
**MODEL:** eFilm Pro
**CAPACITY:** 256MB-8GB
**DATA SPEED:** 133x
**CAMERA SPEED:**4.24MB/S
**DOWNLOAD SPEED:** 10.4MB/S
**OTHER:** NA
www.delkin.com

### the *scores*

**87%**

## LEXAR PROFESSIONAL

**From £50**

Lexar cards use the company's own Write Acceleration technology to increase the speed of data flow, and this proves itself with the fastest shooting performance here, and excellent download times. In the Canon 30D, the Lexar allowed a 25-second continuous burst at 5fps, then averaged 2-3fps over the remaining minute with only short intermittent shooting gaps of a second or so. A very good performance from Lexar, with photo recovery software to boot.

### tech *specs*

**MAKE:** Lexar
**MODEL:** Professional 133x WA
**CAPACITY:** 1GB-4GB
**DATA SPEED:** 133x
**CAMERA SPEED:** 4.42MB/S
**DOWNLOAD SPEED:** 12.61MB/S
**OTHER:** Image Rescue
www.lexar.co.uk

### the *scores*

**90%**

## MEMORY CORP

**From £31**

Memory Corp's Pro X is a brand new card offering a claimed 20MB/S transfer, matching that of some of the better-known cards. In fact that's a theoretical PC transfer speed, and doesn't bear much relationship with the card's capabilities in real-world shooting. It's not a bad performance though, with a 20-second burst, and slow but continous shooting possible. 5fps went down to 2fps, but very few breaks in the burst.

### tech *specs*

**MAKE:** Memory Corp
**MODEL:** Pro X
**CAPACITY:** 1GB-8GB
**DATA SPEED:** 133x
**CAMERA SPEED:** 3.05 MB/S
**DOWNLOAD SPEED:** 8.32MB/S
**OTHER:** Photo Rescue/iView
www.memorycorp.com

### the *scores*

**82%**

## PNY 80X

**From £30**

PNY offers the slowest speed, with 80x, but it's not the slowest performance. It slightly beats the Pro X card in-camera, but is a little slower in download times. This is important, especially if you need to quickly download several gigabytes of images to clear a card, when even a few minutes count. However, PNY offers good value for money in terms of megabyte per pound so is an attractive proposition. Faster cards up to 133x are due to ship any time.

### tech *specs*

**MAKE:** PNY
**MODEL:** 80x
**CAPACITY:** 512MB-2GB
**DATA SPEED:** 80x
**CAMERA SPEED:** 3.21 MB/S
**DOWNLOAD SPEED:** 8.04MB/S
**OTHER:** NA
www.pny-europe.com

### the *scores*

**82%**

## SANDISK EXTREME

**From £50**

SanDisk Extreme III's big claim to fame is the durability, and claims of operation from -25 to 85°C. Performance is pretty impresssive too, with a full 30 seconds of constant shooting over 5fps. This slowed down somewhat to 2-3fps, but there were very few breaks in the burst and about 220 shots were taken in one-minute bursts. However, it failed to match the in-camera speed of the Delkin or Lexar cards overall. Still, its read speed is the fastest here.

### tech *specs*

**MAKE:** SanDisk
**MODEL:** Extreme III
**CAPACITY:** 1GB-8GB
**DATA SPEED:** 133x
**CAMERA SPEED:** 3.58 MB/S
**DOWNLOAD SPEED:** 12.77MB/S
**OTHER:** Rescue Pro
www.sandisk.com

### the *scores*

**89%**

## Two plug-ins that replicate the effects of polarising filters **$70 EACH** www.silveroxide.com

functionality and can also be used in eight-bit colour mode.

The Color Landscape filter adds pep to colour images and is similar to the Exposure software we featured last issue. It's a bit trickier to use than either Exposure or the black and white filter, and it is probably best-suited to making a good image better, rather than to rescue a dull landscape. Both filters allow you to preview the effect and to tweak the gamma and the brightness to get the desired effect, all the while with the option of a full histogram to show you where your main tonal values are. The black and white filter works well on images of all kinds and might be viewed as a very good and (in a good way) predictable alternative to the Channel Mixer in Photoshop for mono conversions.

**VERDICT**

*There's a hell of a lot more going on here than an 'Auto levels' command. When the filter works it works very well; when it doesn't it's disappointing. As with all 'filters' in photography the key is knowing when to use it and when not to. These are useful additions to the Photoshop toolbox, especially the mono version.* **80%**

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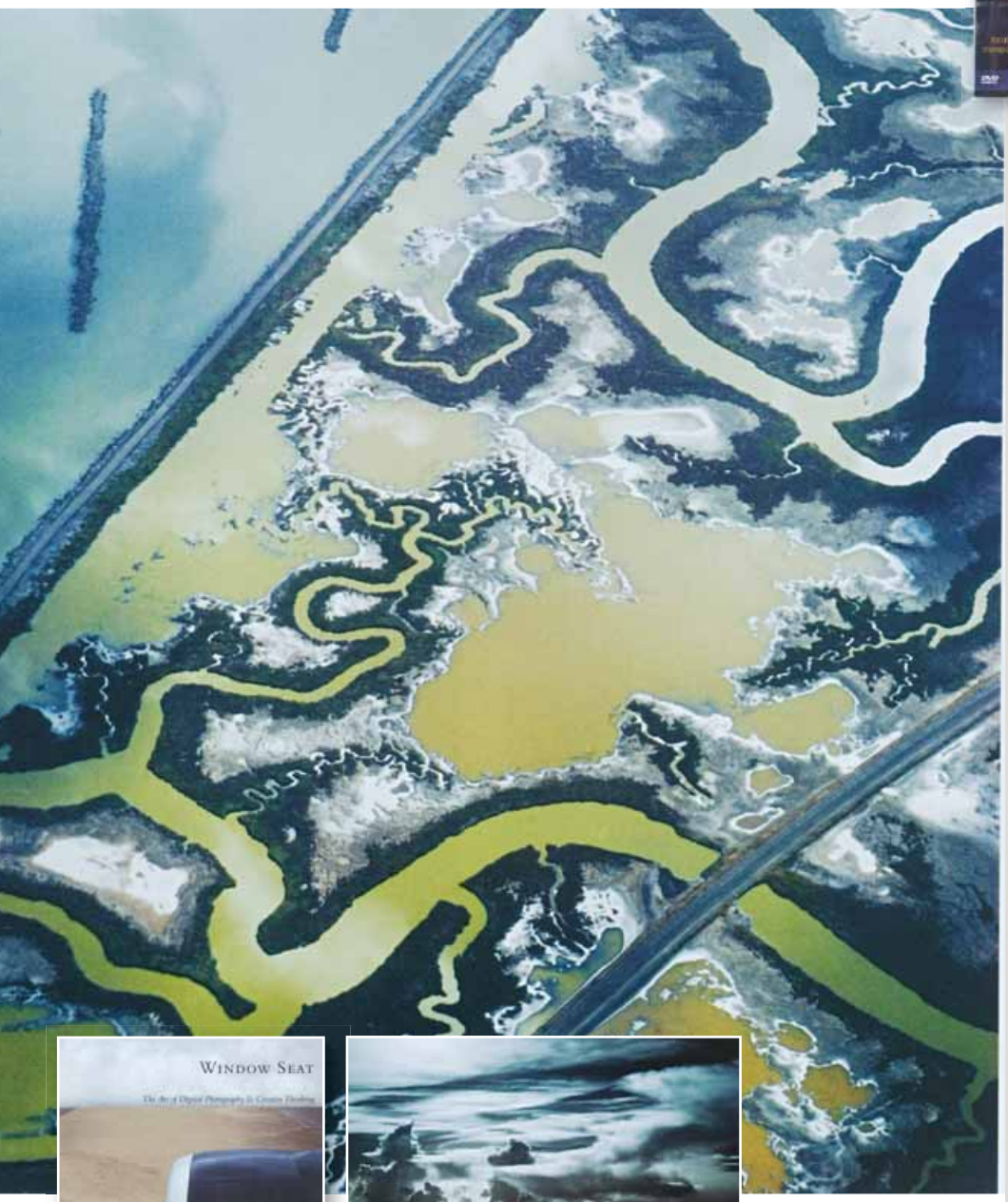

# Window Seat: The Art of Digital Photography and Creative Thinking

**£16.99** Julieanne Kost
**Published by:** O'Reilly

Ms Kost is a 'Photoshop Evangelist' at Adobe, a job that entails spending about 200 days of the year flying around the world representing Adobe at talks, seminars, and so forth. This unique and original book puts that air time to good use. It's partly an action plan for staying creative and inspired, partly a showcase of some stunning images taken through the windows of commercial passenger planes, and partly a technique guide to Photoshop. Although packed with practical advice this very personal book is designed to inspire as much as inform, and I think it does both very well. I'll certainly be asking for a window seat next time I fly. **89%**

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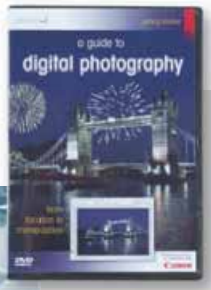



## A Guide to Digital Photography

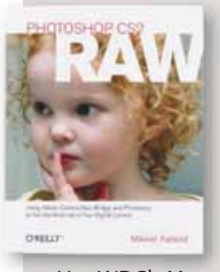
**£14.95** Vincent Oliver
**Published by:** Photo-i

If you prefer your information to come from your TV rather than a book, this instructional DVD should be right up your street. Presented by respected digital photography expert (and WDC contributor) Vincent Oliver, it guides the viewer through all the basics of digital photography before tackling each of the main subjects (landscapes, portraits, etc) in turn, both from a shooting and an editing point of view. The presentation is impressive, with quality pictures and clear explanations, backed up by decent graphics. Ideal for the novice photographer. **87%**

## Really, Really, Really Easy Step-By-Step Digital Photography

**£6.99** Gavin Hoole and Cheryl Smith
**Published by:** New Holland, £6.99

If the title doesn't make it clear whom this book is aimed at, the subtitle 'For absolute beginners of all ages' does. It's written by a management consultant and a web artist, who seem to know little more about the subject than their target audience. They stick within a narrow comfort zone: Windows XP, Google Picasa, and a few pages on picture-taking that could have been lifted out of the manual for all the depth provided. Worse, it looks as if the book was designed in Microsoft Word. **60%**




## Photoshop CS2 RAW

**£24.99** Mikkel Aaland
**Published by:** O'Reilly

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THE GROUP TEST

# ALL-IN-ONES

Is this the best of both worlds or a forced compromise combining a printer and a scanner on the cheap? **Ian Burley** discovers whether the rise of all-in-one printer/scanners is deserved

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# **Canon** Pixma MP150

## Appearance and build quality belie the low price of this unit

**£69** www.canon.com

**SCANNER:** 1200 x 2400ppi **FILM SCANNING:** No **INKS:** 2 cartridges **PRINT RES:** 4800x2400dpi **LCD:** No **MEDIA SLOTS:** No

The Canon MP150 looks dearer than its price tag until you realise that there is no LCD display, memory card slots, CD/DVD printing or film scanning capability. At least the unit is compact, neat, and well built. The MP150 utilises Canon's new combo ink tanks system with integrated print heads. This is a backward step from Canon's pioneering cheaper-to-run single ink tank system with separate print head. But the new combo tanks mean Canon can produce a product with a cheaper price. This could be excused if photo print quality was good, but prints lack sparkle because of muddy blacks despite Canon's much-vaunted FINE printing technology. Printing speed was middling, at four and a quarter minutes to print a borderless A4 photo. Scan quality is good, only let down by a slight greenish tint to grey tones. Use of mainly dye-based inks on microporous papers means the MP150 is not a strong contender in the photo print life stakes.

**VERDICT**

**The unit is compact and doesn't look cheap, but without card slots, an LCD screen or other luxuries, plus disappointing photo print quality, it's hard to recommend the MP150.** WDC

**the** *scores*

**80%**

**15** Print quality
**17** Scan quality
**14** Features
**17** Ease of use
**17** Value

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Compact, refined, well built, cheap

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Brownish weak blacks, combo ink cartridges

# **HP** PSC 1510

## The 1510 needs the optional print cartridge for best quality

**£84** www.hp.co.uk

**SCANNER:** 1200 x 1200ppi **FILM SCANNING:** No **INKS:** 2 cartridges **PRINT RES:** 4800x1200dpi **LCD:** No **MEDIA SLOTS:** No

To be fair, the HP psc 1510 is not part of the HP Photosmart range that is targeted at photographers, and a photo cartridge is not supplied as standard. There are no memory card slots, but you can print direct from your camera via PictBridge. Photo print quality from the standard black and colour combo cartridges is adequate for non-critical purposes, though close inspection reveals relatively more grain. Buying the optional photo ink cartridge will improve photo prints. More serious is visible banding and poor detail in areas of heavy reds. At least print speed was good: three and a half minutes for an A4 borderless photo. Scanner results are oversharpened by default, over-warm in tone and you'll either love or hate HP's control software that tries to second-guess your needs. At £30 more, the Lexmark P4350 offers similar running costs, slightly better print quality and more features.

**VERDICT**

**The HP psc 1510 is a clever design, but it lacks features, including direct printing from memory cards and an LCD display. A photo ink cartridge is also an extra cost option. Banding on prints and over-sharpened scans were also noted.** WDC

**the** *scores*

**79%**

**15** Print quality
**16** Scan quality
**14** Features
**17** Ease of use
**17** Value

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Looks good, fast printing

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Photo ink cartridge extra, banding, wet photo prints

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# **Lexmark** P4350

## A lot of printer and scanner for not much money

**£99** www.lexmark.co.uk

**SCANNER:** 1200 x 2400ppi **FILM SCANNING:** No **INKS:** 5 cartridges **PRINT RES:** 9600x2400dpi **LCD:** 2.5" **MEDIA SLOTS:** CF,SM,SD,MMC,MS

You have to give Lexmark credit for delivering an all-in-one with a colour LCD and associated direct printing facilities for under £100. Credit is also due when it comes to photo printing. With the standard photo cartridge used, reasonably good tonality is achieved, if at the expense of slightly too much saturation. It also boasts good fade resistance through the clever use of a hybrid pigment and dye-based ink set. Fast printing is not something you'll get, with an A4 borderless photo taking seven minutes to complete. We've also experienced more nozzle blocking problems with Lexmark cartridges than any other. Scanning is also relatively leisurely, though results are not bad. Perhaps the biggest concern is the long-term running costs because Lexmark combo ink cartridges are not the cheapest.

**VERDICT**

**The Lexmark P4350 is almost identical to the original P6250 model but is cheaper thanks to a smaller LCD display. Lexmark boasts competitive print life, though photo print quality is only average and printing times are long. Long term printing costs are also a concern, if you expect to make a lot of photo prints.** WDC

**the** *scores*

**83%**

**16** Print quality
**15** Scan quality
**17** Features
**17** Ease of use
**18** Value

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Features and price

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Slow printing, long term running costs

# **Epson** RX520

## This unit is feature-rich, and has an attractive price

**£150** www.epson.co.uk

**SCANNER:** 1200 x 2400ppi **FILM SCANNING:** Yes **INKS:** 4 cartridges **PRINT RES:** 5760x1440dpi **LCD:** 1.5" **MEDIA SLOTS:** CF,SM,SD,MMC,MS,xD

Out of the six units tested here, the RX520 is the only one of two that includes film-scanning capability and, though it has limitations, it works much better than the system found on the HP 3210. Both scans and photo prints offer good dynamic range and deep blacks, and a welcome lack of over-saturation that can blight cheap printers. And the RX520 achieves very good photo print quality without extra 'photo' ink shades. The RX520 was the slowest printer of the bunch, taking seven minutes to print a borderless A4 print using best-quality driver settings. Another concern is the longevity of the RX520's dye-based inks. Scanning speed was more respectable, only being beaten by the HP 3210 at 300ppi. Despite its tiny LCD screen, the RX520 worked just as well when direct printing from memory cards as the others.

**VERDICT**

**Ignoring print speed, the Epson RX520 proved to be the best all-round performer, with sharp scans and prints, and refreshingly neutral colours and deep blacks. But the RX520 makes you wait for your prints, though the scanner section proved to be the fastest but one.** WDC

**the** *scores*

**90%**

**18** Print quality
**18** Scan quality
**18** Features
**18** Ease of use
**18** Value

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Print and scan quality, value, features

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Print speed

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# **Canon** Pixma MP500

## The MP500's imposing size may not do it any favours

**£186** www.canon.co.uk

**SCANNER:** 1200 x 2400ppi **FILM SCANNING:** No **INKS:** 5 cartridges **PRINT RES:** 9600x2400dpi **LCD:** 2.5" **MEDIA SLOTS:** CF,SM,SD,MMC,MS

The MP500 is a very different proposition to the MP150. It retains the low running cost and speed advantages of separate ink tanks and a separate print head, though photo printing must depend on very small drop sizes rather than light magenta and cyan 'photo' inks. The MP500 adds the facility of a small colour LCD for printing direct from memory cards without a PC. Unfortunately, as with all the similarly equipped all-in-ones in this test, there is no way to quickly navigate through large numbers of images using a thumbnail matrix display, as you would on your camera. Photo print and scanning quality were much the same as the MP150; not really good enough, though the MP500 is faster at just under four minutes to print a borderless A4 photo. Some rival printers offer better photo fading resistance. In the end the MP500 is too expensive for what it ultimately offers.

**VERDICT**

**Like the much cheaper Pixma MP150, photo prints lack acceptable neutrality and depth in blacks, while scans have a slight greenish tinge. The lack of film scanning capability at this price marked it down too, though CD/DVD printing is supported.** WDC

**the** *scores*

**83%**

**16** Print quality
**17** Scan quality
**17** Features
**18** Ease of use
**15** Value

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Print speed, scanning speed

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Large, photo prints lack depth, no film scan facility

# **HP** Photosmart 3210

## An HP all-in-one that has film-scanning capability

**£199** www.hp.co.uk

**SCANNER:** 4800x2400ppi **FILM SCANNING:** Yes **INKS:** 5 cartridges **PRINT RES:** 4800x1200dpi **LCD:** 2.5" **MEDIA SLOTS:** CF,SM,SD,MMC,MS

The HP 3210 is one of just two all-in-ones in this group test that offers film-scanning capability. Also, it uses HP's new single colour ink cartridge and separate print head system, including light 'photo' magenta and cyan inks. Benefits include faster printing through the use of a more sophisticated and wider permanent print head and not as much ink waste. Photo prints take a long time to dry, the benefit being longer-lasting colours, though less-shiny glossy prints. The 3210 was comfortably the quickest to deliver an A4 borderless photo, taking just over three minutes. Photo print quality is good, but lack of definition in some areas of heavy colour is a problem. This can be remedied through printer profiling. Scanner results showed good colour and grey neutrality, but over-sharpening, though this can be adjusted. Stowing of the film scan holder in the scanner lid is very neat, but the film scan control software is not, and results were unremarkable.

**VERDICT**

**Printing is fast, and print quality is OK rather than stunning, with poor detail in areas of deep red. Film scanning is welcome but it's not as good as Epson's. Overall, worth considering.** WDC

**the** *scores*

**86%**

**17** Print quality
**17** Scan quality
**18** Features
**17** Ease of use
**17** Value

**WHAT WE LIKE:**
Single colour ink tanks, fast printing

**WHAT WE DON'T LIKE:**
Colour definition, crude film scanning system, wet photo prints

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# THE FACTS

Quick cross-reference guide to the main features of each multifunctional

| | CANON PIXMA MP150 | HP PSC 1510 | LEXMARK P4350 | EPSON RX520 | CANON PIXMA MP500 | HP PHOTO-SMART 3210 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PRICE (RRP) | £69.33 | £84.99 | £99.99 | £149 | £186.83 | £199.99 |
| SCANNER TYPE | Contact Image Sensor | Not stated | Contact Image Sensor | Contact Image Sensor | Contact Image Sensor | Not stated |
| MAX RES | 1200 x 2400 ppi | 1200 x 1200ppi | 1200 x 2400 ppi | 1200 x 2400ppi | 1200 x 2400 ppi | 4800x1200 ppi |
| FILM SCANNING | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2400 x 2400dpi | N/A | 2400 x 2400dpi |
| INK CARTRIDGES | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| INK TYPE | Pigment black, dye-based magenta, cyan, yellow | Pigment black, dye-based magenta, cyan, yellow | Dye / pigment combination inks, black, cyan, magenta, yellow, photo cyan, photo magenta | Dye-based black, magenta, cyan, yellow | Pigment black, dye-based black, magenta, cyan, yellow | Dye-based black, magenta, cyan, yellow, photo cyan, photo magenta |
| MAX PRINT RESOLUTION | 4800 x 1200 dpi | 4800 x 1200 dpi | 4800 x 1200 dpi | 5760 x 1440 dpi | 9600 x 2400 dpi | 4800 x 1200 dpi |
| COPIER FUNCTION | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| COLOUR LCD | No | No | 1.68 inch | 1.5 inch | 2.5 inch | 2.5 inch |
| CONNECTIVITY | USB 2.0 Hi-Speed | USB 2.0 | USB 2.0 Hi-Speed | USB 2.0 Hi-Speed | USB 2.0 Hi-Speed | USB 2.0 Hi-Speed |
| INK COSTS | £46 | £26/£17 | £33/£13.50 | £28 | £52 | £46 |
| DIMENSIONS | 443 x 381 x 181 mm | 492 x 200 x 338 mm | 177.5 x 435 x 334 mm | 432 x 413 x 199 mm | 448 x 426 x 205 mm | 464 x 395 x 220 mm |
| WEIGHT | 5.4 kg | 5.4 kg | 4.8 kg | 7.8 kg | 9.6 kg | 11.9 kg |
| DIRECT PRINT MEMORY CARD SLOTS | N/A | N/A | CF I&II, SM, SD, MMC, MS, | CF I&II, SM, SD, MMC, MS,xD | CF I&II, SM, SD, MMC, MS | CF I&II, SM, SD, MMC, MS |
| OTHER FEATURES | | | Optional wired LAN and print server | Colour restore and software-based dust removal | CD/DVD printing | Wired LAN port, optional duplex printing adapter |

# THE CONCLUSION

Epson's RX520 bubbled up to the top of the bunch we tested, both in terms of image quality and value for money. You get a respectable film scanner along with flatbed scanning, copier function and inkjet printing, plus direct printing from PictBridge-linked cameras as well as from memory cards. Some might criticise the RX520 for colour rendition that lacks the saturation of the others tested, but in my eye that shows that Epson favours more accurate colour reproduction. However, the RX520 may not be for you if speed and/or top-quality text printing on plain paper is a critical requirement. For £50 more, HP's Photosmart 3210 packs in the features and the 3210's print quality is potentially very good if you don't mind calibrating the printer. Both the Canons were disappointing, with lacklustre photo black depth and neutrality, but they are quick and well made. The Lexmark P4350 represents a good initial buy but watch out for ink costs.

# THE ADVICE

All-in-one multifunctionals save valuable desktop space and offer a degree of integration that makes functions such as copying and cable management a relative breeze. In general, the printer section of an all-in-one will be based on a standalone printer chassis, and print quality is usually similar to that of the printer on which it is based. Be sure you know what kind of printer you want – be it one that offers the full range of photo inks, whether you prefer the disposable ink cartridge and print head combo or the single-colour ink tank arrangement, which is cheaper to run. All-in-ones are aimed more at general-purpose users than at dedicated photographers, so specialist standalone photo printers will have more choice of exotic ink systems than all-in-ones will. All the models managed a reasonably good scanning performance, but you won't get feature-rich scanner control software, or luxuries such as hardware-enabled dust and scratch removal aids. Some models do offer film scanning, but it will be basic. If you want the very best qualities from a scanner and a printer, buy a separate, best of breed, scanner and printer.

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# WDC Letters

## SoundByte
**Musings from the Editor**

## Too little, *too late*

When Konica Minolta announced their withdrawal from photography I had visions of dealers up and down the land looking at their stockpiles of Dynax's and thinking 'How on earth am I going to shift those now.' But I couldn't have been more wrong. Far from the brand's demise turning purchasers away it has flushed them out of the woodwork. We've had loads of readers wanting to know where they can buy a Dynax DSLR, and dealers say they've been flying off the shelves. I don't know whether this demand is from 35mm Dynax users grabbing a last chance for a DSLR body for all their lenses (which it won't be, because Sony will continue with the mount), or speculators after potential collectors' items, but I bet Konica Minolta are wishing that the public had shown this much interest in their cameras a lot earlier.

## Farewell *to Bob*

I was shocked and saddened by the death of photographer Bob Carlos Clarke. Shocked because I saw him at an exhibition just a couple of weeks before, and he seemed fine (whatever that means), and saddened because photography has lost one of its greatest talents.

I've known Bob for many years. He could be an intimidating guy to be around because he was quite intense, passionate and opinionated, as many creative people are, and fantastically un-PC. But it was his sense of humour I'll most remember. Dry and sarcastic, his ready wit made him not only an entertaining lunch companion but a brilliant writer. I don't recall ever laughing so much at any photography book, before or since, as when he asked me to read the unpublished draft manuscript of what became Shooting Sex.

Full details of his death aren't known at the time of writing but, whatever the circumstances, my thoughts are with his family, who I hope will find comfort in the knowledge that, long after most of us have been forgotten, he will be remembered as one of the greatest photographers of his generation. His work, at least, will live forever.

## Something to say? Then drop us a line

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### Finders *Weepers*
From: Mike Carroll

I'm noticing a trend among manufacturers which was very evident in your March issue's camera tests – the demise of the humble viewfinder. Not one of the compacts tested had one. Are we not more likely to encounter increased camera shake holding a camera eighteen inches away from our face than one pressed up to our eye? Have we all to try and shade the screen every time the sun is behind our backs? Do older photographers have to don a pair of glasses to see the camera settings rather than check a very useful EVF where all relevant information can be easily read? Is this really the way forward? If you are considering buying a camera with a viewfinder, get one bought, as they seem to be disappearing as fast as film.

***Nigel replies**: The answer to all your questions is yes, Mike. But you can blame your fellow camera-buying public for that. Just watch how people use digital cameras; hardly anyone uses the viewfinder even when they have one, and poll after poll shows that buyers would prefer to lose the viewfinder in favour of a bigger screen. This isn't very good news for the long-sighted, but in the end it's the market that decides. If there's enough demand for viewfinders on compacts there will always be someone who will make one. If not, buy an SLR-style superzoom – they'd be unusable without viewfinders.*

### Chick *Trick*
From: S Neale

The photos of the Olympus E-330 used on the cover of the April issue of WDC are very misleading. Please tell me how you managed to get the 14-45mm lens to focus down to an

## Letter *of the month*

this month's **STAR** prize

### Water *Carry on*
From: Rob Kitching

Why do so many photographers think that flowing water must be photographed with a slow shutter speed? This just gives the effect of cotton wool and looks ridiculous. A prime example is in your April edition (right), where John Freeman obviously prefers picture 'B'. It looks awful. Example 'A' is more realistic and much more pleasing to look at. It seems that the mark of the so-called 'experienced amateur' is to do exactly what John Freeman has done, because they've been told this is the right way to photograph running water. Do they ever stand back and ask themselves if this is anything other than a photographic cliché? Give me version 'A' any day.

**Nigel Atherton replies:** *I love a bit of controversy on the letters page, so thanks Rob. I'd love to know how other readers like their running water: frozen or blurred. In fact, I think we'll make that the poll question on our website this month. Go online and vote at www.whatdigitalcamera.com. You can also email us at **wdc@ipcmedia.com** , writing 'frozen water' or 'blurred water' in the subject line. Do it by 1st May and we'll let you all know how the voting went in the next issue.*

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inch between the subject and the front element of the lens.

I suspect the photographs are part of Olympus' advertising, but isn't it wrong to publish such advertising that is clearly misleading and can suggest that a camera is capable of doing something that it can't? WDC has a responsibility to the readers to stop this misrepresentation. I'd also wonder what the legal side is under the Trades Description Act.

***Nigel replies**: The image was actually created by us, not Olympus, to illustrate the concept of Live View and make an interesting cover. It's called creative licence. As you know, there's no way we could get an image of something interesting on the camera's LCD screen and show that same object on the cover as well without some trickery.*

*But I'm pretty sure our readers don't take everything quite so literally and will figure this out, just as they'd have guessed that the camera wasn't actually hovering in mid-air, without any visible means of support.*

*I certainly hope so, because our Xmas cover had a Canon EOS 5D inside a snow globe! I hope no one believed that the camera really was inside, and so assumed that the 5D was a] waterproof and b] very small.*

## **Budding** *Bailey*

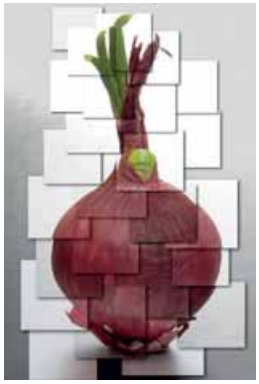
From: Mandy Holloway

Thought I'd send you a picture of our daughter with my husband's new camera (a Nikon D200 but I guess you knew that from the photo). She definitely wants in on the action and gets quite frustrated that, at almost three years old, she cannot shut one eye and look through the viewfinder with the other! She picks up my IXUS, opens it up from the case, turns it on and takes perfectly centred photos of anything around the room.

***Nigel replies**: Thanks for this, Mandy. Whenever I get emails from readers who can't work out how to use a digital camera I'll send them this pic and tell them to hang their heads in shame!*

## **Joiners** *Made Easy*

From: Tony



I read the article on Andrew Harris (March issue, p76) and was encouraged to experiment. I'd just bought a Nikon D200 and was eager to use it. This image is the result and it was very simple to do. It involves taking just one close-up photo and then playing around in PhotoShop. I think I've created a similar effect in a much simpler way.

# **Web Forum** *Chat*

## DSLR screens

***Posted by:*** Zak52
***Board:*** Digital Capture

I have read with interest the concerns of some Digital SLR users that the review screens on some cameras fail to give an exact representation of the image captured, ie while the preview screen shows a well-exposed image, when downloaded to a PC the image proves to be underexposed.

I have owned two DSLRs, the Olympus E300 and E500 models. While the E300 was fine in this respect, I quickly found the E500 images appeared to be underexposed when viewed on the PC. I assumed that the camera had a fault and it was sent back to Olympus for checking. The literature that came with the returned camera gave me little clue as to what had been done other than that 'adjustments had been made'.

The camera does seem better now but there is a tendency to underexpose in dimly lit conditions, with or without the flash. I should really like to hear the experiences of other Digital SLRs users.

*Posted by:* David Steel

My 10D wasn't as good as my D30 for judging exposure. My 20D is better. It's better to use the histogram to judge exposure.

***Posted by***: huwevans

People often complain about this, but the plain view on the preview screen isn't intended to be used for judging exposure – that's what the histogram and over-exposed highlights displays are for. To be completely honest, anyone who expects to be able accurately to judge exposure from an LCD screen on the camera is asking for trouble.

***Posted by***: Zak52

I agree with you David, and have always used the histogram myself. However, when one is over-excited by 'a never to be repeated photo opportunity' then that self-discipline can suffer!

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## Plane *of* focus

FIVE MINUTE TECHNIQUE

**Photo** Mike Vines
**Details** 200mm lens

### The airshow season kicks off in earnest this month. Follow these tips for success

- For 'flying' shots you'll need a long lens, at least 300mm (equivalent). Fast lenses with a maximum aperture of f2.8 will let you to shoot in lower light levels than would otherwise be possible.
- Set a shutter speed at least as high as the lens's focal length (ie with a 500mm lens use a speed of 1/500sec or higher).
- In the auto modes your meter will expose for the sky, underexposing the aircraft. Set the meter to spot so it reads off the focus point or set manual exposure, reading off a mid-grey area.
- Set the focus mode to Continuous AF, which constantly refocuses to stay locked onto moving subjects. Only use Single AF for shooting static planes on the ground.
- Set the drive to High-Speed Continuous and shoot bursts to increase your chances.
- Use the biggest media card you can get.
- Monopods are useful to hold big lenses.
- Pan with the subject to keep it in the same place in your frame, and continue panning after the shot for a smooth result.
- Try to get shots with the plane banking towards you, showing the top rather than just the undercarriage. Frame the shot so there's more space in front of the plane than behind it, so it's flying into the shot.
- For information on airshows taking place near you visit www.airshows.org.uk

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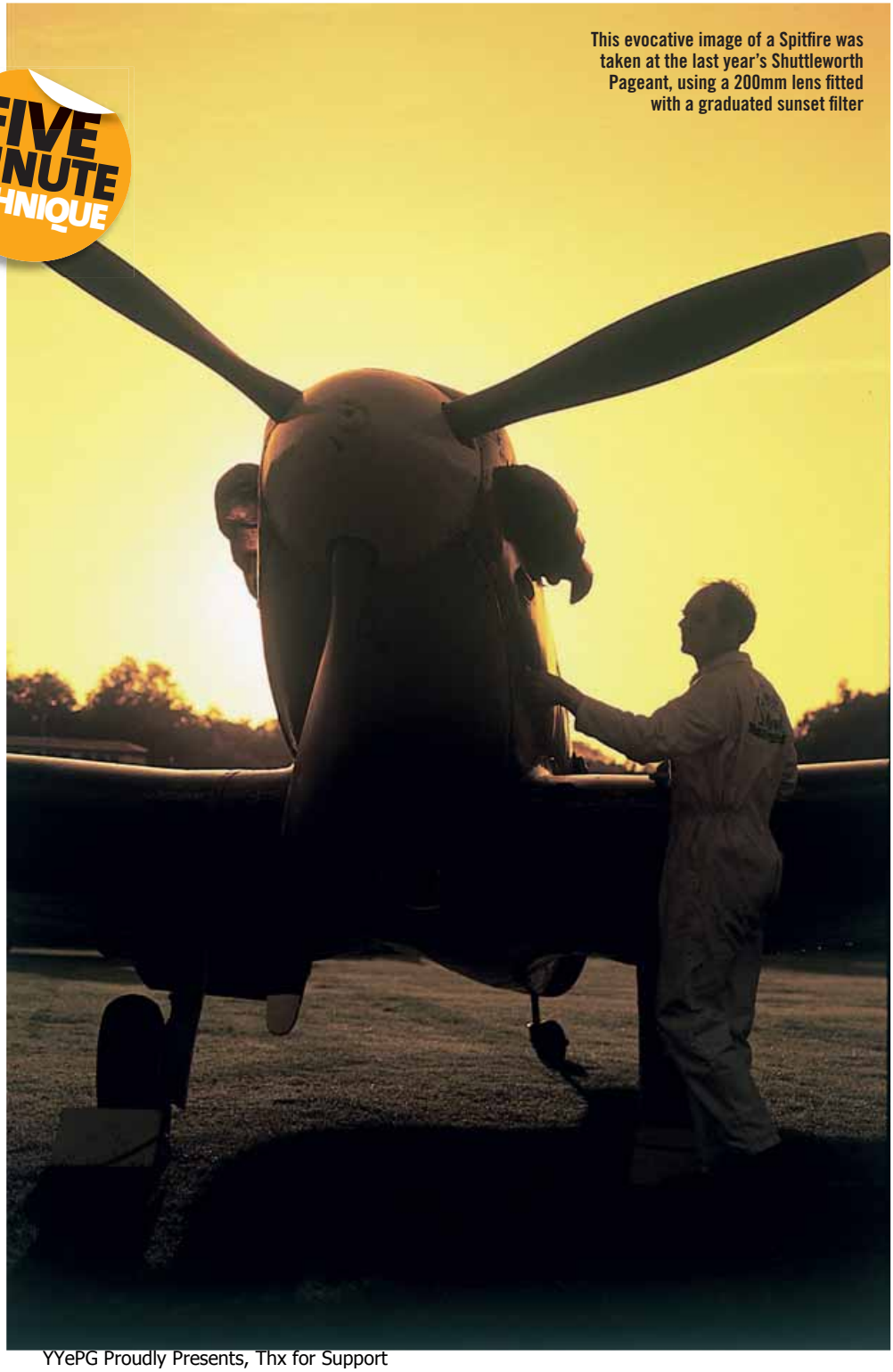

This evocative image of a Spitfire was taken at the last year's Shuttleworth Pageant, using a 200mm lens fitted with a graduated sunset filter

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# John Freeman's *Guide to...*

# Wideangle *lenses*

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# Wideangles do more than just include extra detail: used creatively they'll enhance your photography and literally open up the world

**The wideangle lens is one of the most useful tools in the photographer's kit bag. Because its main optical characteristic is that it makes the world appear further away, it allows the photographer to squeeze more into a shot than he could otherwise. So it's great for group shots in confined spaces, cramped interiors and so forth. But wideangles also offer a few other qualities that make them useful in so many other ways – such as their ability to exaggerate perspective, to make close objects seem much larger than more distant ones, and the wideangle's tendency to distort the proportions of subjects if used in a certain way.**

Of course, there's no single type of wideangle lens. The strength of the effect varies according to the focal length of the lens – how 'wideangle' the lens happens to be. Unfortunately the terminology can be confusing.

The best way of understanding what effect a wideangle lens will have is to imagine yourself stepping back in time to the days of 35mm film. With this format what was known as a 'standard' or 'normal' lens was in the range of 45–55mm, with 50mm being the most common. This focal length was thought to have the same angle of view as the human eye, hence the name 'normal'. Anything shorter than this (say, 28mm) will encompass more than the human eye can see when fixed on a particular point. On the other hand anything longer (say, 200mm) will have a narrower field of view. In other words it will be telephoto.

With so called 'full frame' digital cameras, which have a 35mm frame -sized sensor, these same rules apply, but most digital cameras have a sensor that is smaller, so they record only a smaller portion of the centre of the image. In practical terms, this is the equivalent of cropping the image. This is good for telephoto lenses because you get even greater effective magnification, but not for wideangles, where the edges get cropped out. Most SLRs present a 1.5x or 1.6x magnification factor which must be added to get an accurate 35mm equivalence. So a 28mm wideangle, when fitted to a digital SLR with a 1.5x factor, would give the same field of view as a 42mm lens on a 35mm camera.

It's clear, therefore, that to achieve wideangle effects using most digital cameras you need a lens which is less than 20mm at the widest setting. Standard zooms which start at 17mm or 18mm have become popular for this reason, as they're equivalent to around a 28mm lens on a 35mm SLR. Lenses in the 12-24mm range are gaining in popularity too, giving an 18-36mm-ish equivalent range which makes that distinctive wideangle distortion possible.

Of course, the standard zoom lens that comes with most fixed-lens cameras starts at around a less-than-impressive 35mm (equivalent), though there are a few which offer a 28mm and even one or two that start at a very wide 24mm equivalent. >>

## The wide *view*

The most obvious use for wideangles is to enable photographers to get more in shot than they could otherwise, which makes them ideal for expansive views like this. Here, the roof in the foreground is even in shot, but suffers from extreme curvature known as 'barrel distortion' – an occupational hazard with wide lenses such as this, especially towards the edges of the frame.

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When shooting in Death Valley, USA, I noticed areas of cracked sand. Some were quite small, but by using a 16mm lens and getting in to within 30cm, the foreground dominates the picture. Depth of field has also been maximised by stopping down to f22.

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## Depth of *field*

Wideangle lenses have a far greater depth of field than other lenses, so you can focus on details that are very close to the lens while retaining sharpness in the background. In landscape photography this can be put to good effect by having some natural phenomena, such as a plant or rock formation, prominent in the foreground, while the rest of the picture stretches to the horizon. When taking this type of shot it can sometimes help to choose a low viewpoint, by kneeling or lying on the ground. This will greatly improve the drama of your shots.

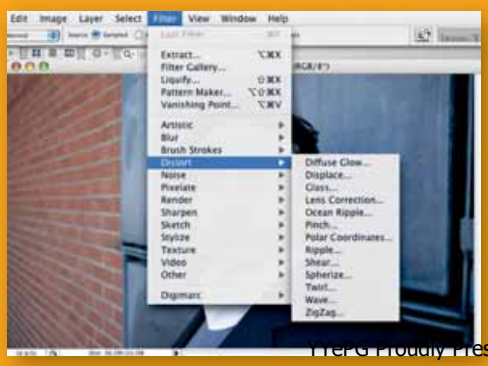
**Above:** It was essential that I retained sharpness throughout this shot as I needed the detail of the staircase to be sharp all the way to the ground floor. Wideangles offer great depth of field but I still stopped this 21mm lens down to f16 to make absolutely sure

**Right:** I used an aperture of f16 to retain maximum sharpness in this shot of spring flowers. My 16-35mm lens was set to 21mm and the low viewpoint has made the flowers appear to flow away from the camera, creating a great sense of perspective

*photoshop*

# How to simulate wideangle *in Photoshop*

If, as we have seen, it is not possible for your lens to be truly wideangle because of the size of the camera's sensor, we can simulate the effect in Photoshop CS2. In the shot below I could only get the background in if I stood further back from the subject. This has given him less prominence in the overall composition and given the shot as a whole a rather flat quality.




To help the subject stand out more, I chose **Filter > Distort > Lens Correction** in Photoshop. I then adjusted the amount of distortion by moving the 'Remove Distortion' slider. This has curved the edges of the frame and had the effect of making the subject's face more prominent in the frame, as it would have been if I had been able to go in close with the help of a wideangle lens. In the same window I then used the 'Transform' tool option to adjust the horizontal perspective.

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## Distorted *perspective*

Wideangle lenses have the ability to distort the perspective of a subject so much that it can sometimes be hard to recognise.
The more wideangle the lens, the greater its propensity for distortion. At the extreme end, lenses as wide as fisheye are available. While such a wide field of view might be expensive and have its limitations, they can produce dynamic and eye-catching shots.

**Right:** The receding perspective effect of wideangles is ably demonstrated with the volleyball net in this beach shot **Below:** These look like two large stainless steel columns supporting this building. In fact they are quite small glazing bars but, because I placed the camera on them, using a 16mm lens, their size has been exaggerated

## Popular *wideangles*

### FISHEYE

So named for their bulbous front element, fisheyes are the most extreme wideangles, producing a 180° field of view but with such extreme curvilinear distortion that the picture itself becomes circular. Fisheyes are of limited usefulness (and expensive) but great fun.

### 12-24mm

Designed especially for digital SLRs with smaller-than-35mm sensors, they provide a range equivalent to an 18-36mm lens on a 35mm SLR or full-frame DSLR. This is the most useful range for shots that have a distinctive wideangle 'look' to them.

### 18-55mm

The standard lens supplied with most DSLRs these days tends to start at 18mm (the equivalent of 27mm on a film SLR) with an upper limit that varies from 55mm to 200mm. Useful for groups, interiors etc but not wide enough for distorted perspective effects.

### 28-105mm

On 35mm frame-sized cameras like my EOS 1DS, 28mm gives a similar field of view to 18mm on most consumer SLRs, but used on the latter a 28mm is equivalent to 36mm, which is barely wideangle at all. Lenses starting at 28mm are usually better at the telephoto end.

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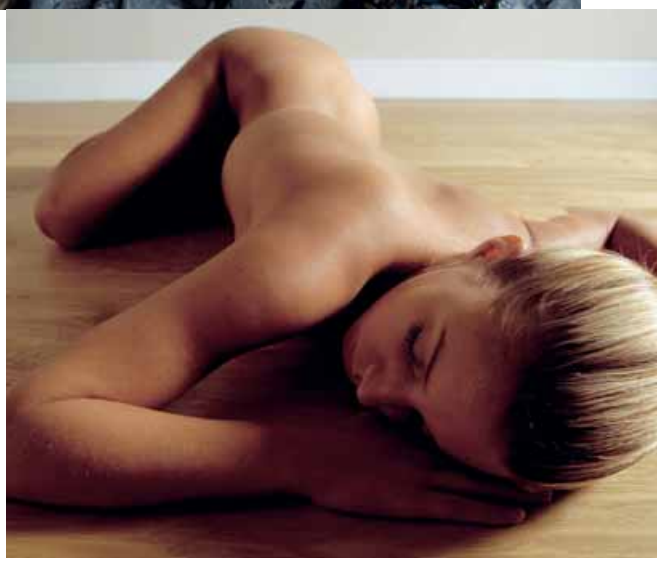

**Above:** For this shot I opened up the 21mm lens to f2.8, but the background is still not completely blurred as it would have been with a telephoto. I made the main area of focus her face and the sweep of hair cascading down the rock, while still including the rest of her body

**Right:** By using a 24mm lens I have elongated this model's body to good effect. By posing her thigh and arm at the same angle, a shot of strong sculptural lines has been created

## Wideangles *and the nude*

Wideangles can be used very effectively with the nude for some very striking results, but they must be used with care. Because they have such a wide field of view, it's easy for the body to become unnaturally distorted. For example, if feet are close to the lens they can appear disproportionately large. This can be used to your advantage but it requires perfect framing. Another element to beware of is depth of field. Because it is so great, more of the background will be in focus – whether you stop down or not. This can result in the eye becoming distracted from the main subject. The extreme field of view can also result in too much being included in the frame, with the body being submerged in a lot of unwanted details.

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## John's *Top Tips*
### *wideangles*

1. It is easy to create distortion using wideangle lenses, especially when taking portraits. Although this might look fun it won't be very flattering.
2. Look for new angles and interesting viewpoints. Remember that a low viewpoint will accentuate a person's height, whereas a high viewpoint will foreshorten them.
3. Wideangles have greater depth of field than other lenses but this can be enhanced further by stopping down, particularly when there is a strong element of foreground interest.
4. Choose the aperture priority setting on your camera. This gives you far greater control over the depth of field.
5. Use a sun shade rather than a lens hood with extreme wideangle lenses. This clips on to the camera or lens and has a flexible arm that allows you to vary the extent of the sun shade in much the same way as using your hand to shield your eyes.

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# Take That!

## Spring is in the air, and the flowers are starting to bloom. Sounds like a perfect time to try some nature close-ups. **Alan McFaden** shows how

**Taking pictures like this one is not as easy as it may seem. Besides the technical challenge of getting sharp pictures at such close range, there's the fact that insects have an annoying habit of flying away when you get up close. But don't let that deter you.**

The sight of WDC's studio photographer Alan McFaden without a camera is something few souls have witnessed. When he isn't doing all our product photography he's out in all weathers taking pictures, or trawling round boot fairs looking for photographic bits and bobs to play with. Which is how he came to develop a simple set-up and technique which enables him to get shots such as this one with relative ease.

'I bought a small flashgun for £1 at a boot fair,' he explains. 'I attach this to the end of my macro lens with a blob of Blu Tack, pointed slightly downwards, and plug it into the sync socket. I've worked out that I need an aperture of f/32 for a correct exposure. I can then go up to a flower, fine tune the focus and shoot within a second or two. The small aperture ensures adequate depth of field and the flash provides the illumination and freezes any movement.

'Flashguns like this are common at boot fairs and I think they give a better light than ringflash, because they're more directional.'

## 1 Macro Accessories

**A wide range of accessories is available for the macro photographer. Here is a selection...**

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There are several ways of modifying an existing lens to achieve closer focusing, including increasing the distance between lens and body using extension tubes or bellows, or by screwing a close-up lens onto the filter thread. Both solutions are cheaper than a macro lens though not as convenient.

**FLASH OPTIONS**
Ringflash is popular among macro photographers. Shaped like a doughnut, it surrounds the lens for soft, all-around illumination. Macro flashes have separate flashtubes on each side which can be individually adjusted. Small flashguns can be used too, if they're placed close to the subject.

## 2 Getting close enough

Alan used a Canon EOS 1DS fitted with the Canon 100mm f/2.8 macro lens. As the camera has a full-frame digital sensor there is no magnification factor, but with APS or DX-sized sensors this lens would provide a field of view equivalent to around 150mm. While this enables you to shoot from further away, so you're less likely to frighten off your intended target, a 50mm or 60mm macro lens would give you the equivalent of about 75-90mm, which is sufficient.

## 3 The flash set-up

Using flash proves a double benefit: it freezes subject movement, and allows you to use very small apertures for maximum depth of field. Ringflash is designed for this purpose but it is expensive, unlike Alan's system which costs very little. Using Blu Tack stick a small portable flashgun onto the end of the lens and angle it downwards slightly. A rubber band will provide extra support. Plug the lead into the sync socket, or the hotshoe (via an adaptor). NB: See Top Tips regarding voltage issues.

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**Above:** Alan McFaden photographed this honey bee on a Convolvulus flower in his garden. Keeping your garden well stocked with flowers and the right kind of plants ensures you'll have a ready supply of subjects for photography right on your doorstep

## 4 Camera *settings*

At very close range you get little depth of field, and you'll need every millimetre. Your subject may be moving and you'll be trying to focus and shoot very quickly. Even a small flashgun when it's inches from the subject will be bright enough for a very small aperture to be used, but test your own to determine the exact exposure. If you can't stop down enough, reduce the output by taping tissues over the lens. Set manual exposure mode, and a shutter speed of at least 1/125sec (but within the max sync speed) to eliminate any motion blur from the flash light.

## 5 Taking the *pictures*

You might think autofocus would be the quickest option, but for this sort of work manual focus is much faster and eliminates any chance of the AF 'hunting'. Set the lens to its mimimum distance, or whatever distance gives you a composition you're happy with. When you see a bee (or other flying insect) land on a flower, move right in close, looking through the viewfinder until the subject snaps into focus. You may need to quickly fine tune the focus before shooting, but don't take too long! You might not get it right first time, but do persevere. >>

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## 6 Photoshop *Enhancements*

Once you've managed to capture a shot or two, you'll probably want to tidy them up a bit on the PC. Depending on how good your technique was at the shooting stage, you may need to crop any unwanted edges out so that, for example, the flower completely fills the frame, and you'll almost certainly need to apply some levels, colour correction and perhaps a small increase in saturation – though as usual with these things, less is usually more. In fact this image is full frame and needed no cropping at all, but that's what comes with practise!

## 7 Apply *sharpening*

While no amount of software-based sharpening can compensate for an image not being focused correctly, most images benefit from a degree of sharpening before printing. The obvious way to do this is to select the Sharpen filter from the Filters menu, but these are crude and offer little control over the effect. Instead, select Unsharp Mask (from the same menu). Adjust the Amount slider but don't go mad – somewhere between 50 and 100 is usually enough. If printing, set the Radius to 2.0 and the Threshhold to 1.0 or zero. Use the preview pane to check the result.

## TOP TIPS **Successful** *macro bug shots!*

Images: Alan McFaden

**1 ATTRACT YOUR SUBJECTS**
Make your garden attractive to bees and insects. Plant lots of flowers and choose varieties that attract wildlife, such as Buddleia and Sunflowers

**2 VISIT PUBLIC GARDENS**
If you don't have a garden visit your local park, and landscaped gardens open to the public such as those run by the National Trust.

**3 MAKE SURE THE VOLTAGE IS SAFE**
Scour boot sales and local papers for small flashguns, but check the voltage before fitting one to your digital camera to ensure its compatable – *www.botzilla.com/photo/strobeVolts.html* lists the voltages for most old flashguns.

**4 TRY SLAVE FLASH**
For more adventurous lighting try placing a flashgun on a slave trigger (easily obtainable from photo retailers) mounted on a support near the plant and firing it via the on-camera flash

**5 KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED**
Look under rocks, fallen logs and so forth for suitable subject matter. Keep your eyes open for interesting creepy crawlies in your garden.

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# dream MACHINE Part Two

## In this second part of our series on how to make Photoshop run faster, **Philip Andrews** takes a closer look at three key hardware players in the Photoshop speed game – CPUs, RAM memory and motherboards

**After overviewing the main components that make up a typical Photoshop machine in the previous issue, here we take a closer look at the CPUs (or processor chips), RAM memory and also motherboards. A little understanding of these components and how they interact with Photoshop will pay big dividends in speeding up your editing work.**

### PROCESSOR: THE ENGINE THAT DRIVES THE BEAST

For a long time determining the best processor to use for great Photoshop performance was a simple matter of picking the chip with the fastest clock speed. So if there were a choice between a 2.8Ghz and a 3.6Ghz chip, selecting the higher number would ensure speedier processing. To a certain extent this way of thinking still holds true. The top-line CPUs with high clock speeds from AMD, Intel and Apple all provide faster processing results than the slower mid-range chips when they are set to work on a range of standard Photoshop tasks. But a few years ago pixel-pushers noticed that adding a second processor produced remarkable results. Including an additional CPU meant the processing workload could be broken in half and two 'threads' of instructions could be processed at once. They also found that with processor-intensive Photoshop tasks such as filtering, a dual processor system would easily outperform a computer based on a single processor.

For a long time the only way to access the greater performance afforded by a twin processor machine was to buy server or workstation-based hardware. Apart from Apple users who could buy multi-processor machines off the shelf , or via the Apple store online, most Windows users had to opt for ill-fitting server solutions to gain the option for more than one processor slot on the motherboard. These machines, though, lacked the fine tuning in the graphics side of things.

### TWO CORES ARE BETTER THAN ONE

With the promise of faster Photoshop performance it is no wonder that, given the choice (and with no budgetary

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## Intel *inside*

AMD and Intel both manufacture single and dual-core CPUs which can be installed in single or twin-processor configurations. Although Apple doesn't produce its own dual-core chips, the company is now shipping dual core Macintoshes using Intel CPUs and it also has off-the-shelf twin processor systems in the form of its Power Mac computers.

considerations in mind), most high-end users opt for twin processor machines while the rest of us who exist on modest incomes have to be content with single processor set ups. Until now. AMD and Intel have invested heavily in 'dual core-single chip' technology. This new breed of CPUs have two processing or CPU cores on a single chip, providing similar processing power to twin processor units, at a more economical price point. The argument for dual core processors is so compelling and the results so convincing that now even Apple is releasing its latest Macintoshes with dual core Intel chips. Comparison tests carried out by all three manufacturers show that with CPU intensive Photoshop tasks, such as sharpen or blur filtering, dual core processors outperform single core chips by between 5 and 50%. The degree to which a dual core chip will help with Photoshop processing depends largely on how CPU intensive the editing tasks are but in most situations dual core wins out.

In addition to dual core technology Intel also has a system that it calls Hyper-Threading (HT). This technology operates on a single core but takes advantage of the multi-threaded nature of the Photoshop program to more efficiently process editing tasks. By adding HT technology to its dual core chips (look for the Extreme Edition chips) Intel claims to provide the equivalent of four logical processors all crammed into a single chip enabling truly amazing processing figures. Expect to see continued performance gains in Photoshop and Photoshop Elements as successive releases of these programs take advantage of the hardware changes over the past few months.

## '...dual core chips outperform single core chips'

### *WDC POWER TIP:*

***For the best power overall, choose twin processors and, if possible, twin dual-core processors. For a balance of power and economy, select a dual-core chip and for an entry level option choose the fastest single-core chip you can afford.***

### MOTHERBOARD: THE LINK BETWEEN ALL COMPONENTS

For most of us the motherboard is one of those system components that is largely ignored. After all it doesn't have the glamour of the newest processors nor does it have the obvious appeal of a wide screen monitor, but glamorous or not, the motherboard is a key speed-increasing technology in any photo-editing computer system. The chipsets resident on the motherboard control the way in which the various components in the system work together. Often manufacturers release new board chipsets to coincide and work with new processor designs. When selecting a motherboard, check that the chipset is matched with the processor and that it supports CPU features such as dual core and/or Hyper-Threading. Also pay particular attention to speed of the system bus (connection between component parts) and the total amount of memory that can be installed and addressed. Aim for at least 2Gb, an option to install 4Gb or even 8Gb being preferable.

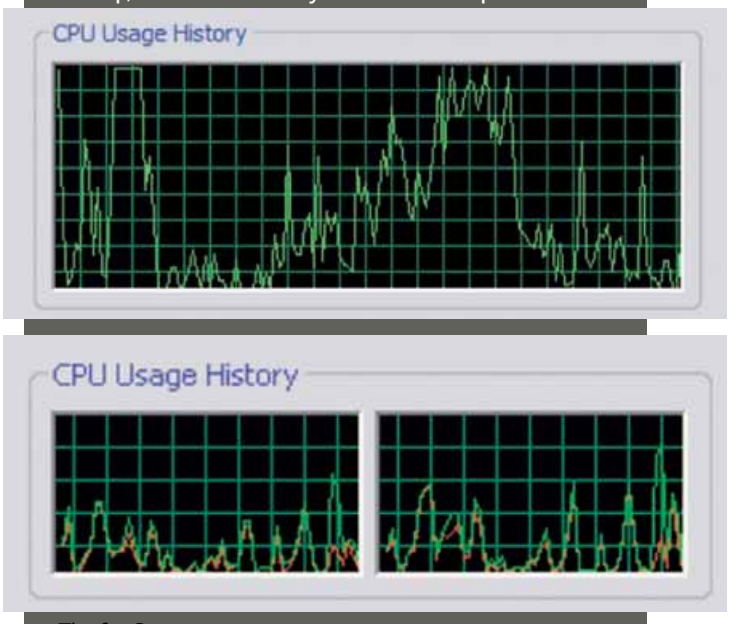
Next, look to the type of interface that is used for plugging in graphics cards and attaching hard drives. For graphics the AGP 8X connection is okay but the newer PCI Express X16 is preferable as it provides 3.5 times the performance of the older system. In terms of hard drive connections try to find a board with both a standard SATA (Serial ATA) link as well as a RAID 0 controller (for better scratch disk performance).

### BUT I DON'T GET TO CHOOSE

In some way Macintosh users have it easy. I'm referring to the fact that system choices, like motherboard selection, have already been made for them. Unlike with most Windows- based systems where you can choose the components that you want included in the system, the Apple way is to provide complete system solutions based on the user's needs. This system-based solution approach means that Macintosh users don't get to choose their own motherboard. The upside of this is that Apple does the hard work of matching >>

## Distribution *graphs*

The top graph shows the Photoshop workload on a single core processor, and the bottom on dual core. Notice the size of the peaks where the processsor is running at capacity on the single core chip, but more efficiently on the dual core processor.

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chipsets, video interface, memory capacity and bus speeds with the needs of a typical user and in doing so provides great solutions that work 'straight out of the box'. This removes the problems faced by some Windows users when their system components don't work together as they are supposed to. The downside of this approach is that the ability to customise a Mac solution is limited. When checking out which motherboard to buy, try to match the features with your needs and user level.

### RAM MEMORY: GIVE ME THE ROOM TO MOVE

The short answer to the question that most Photoshop users ask about RAM ('How much do I need?') is 'as much as you can afford'. It is no secret that memory is a key speed component in any Photoshop dream machine. The efficiency with which the program performs even the most basic changes is directly related to the amount of RAM it has at its disposal. Obviously a power user playing with 60Mb files regularly will need more RAM than the average photographer who just wants to edit the photos from his/her 6-megapixel camera, but no matter what level user you are, the old memory adage that 'the more you have, the faster Photoshop will perform' still holds true.

> 'It's no secret that memory is a key speed component'

As a rough guide 384Mb is the absolute minimum for both the Macintosh and Windows platform. This amount is the base level of memory recommended by Adobe in its minimum specifications for the program. And yes, Photoshop will load and run with such a small amount of RAM but the program and the operating system will hog so much of this space that even the most modest editing tasks will be slow and cumbersome. A more realistic figure is 512Mb which is suitable for the occasional user who works with single files of up to 10Mb in size. Moving up a step, if the same user has a system with 1Gb of RAM (2 x 512 Mb) they would find that Photoshop would be noticeably more responsive and efficient to work with. Professionals, or dedicated enthusiasts, working with 20 - 30Mb files should install at least 1Gb of RAM as a base figure. Increasing this amount to 2Gb will provide real gains in terms of workflow speed and more efficient multi-tasking (working on several documents at once) as well.

Running Photoshop CS2 on a 64-bit operating system, such as Apple's OSX or Windows XP 64, provides the added benefit of enabling the program to access more memory than has previously been possible. Professional users employing these setups can take advantage of RAM levels beyond 2Gb which provides real gains in complex environments where very large documents are altered regularly. It is not unusual for these 'super' users to have 4, 8 or even 16Gb of RAM on their work machines. The sheer size of the RAM available to Photoshop along with the better memory handling features available with 64bit machines means working with very large files requires substantially less scratch disk action. And as RAM is faster than disk memory for Photoshop's scratch disk this means substantial efficiency gains when dealing with large and very large files.

## MEMORY JARGON Buster

**BUS**
A collection of wires through which data is transmitted from one part of a computer to another.

**CACHE**
A storage location for information that is generally temporary and which needs to be accessed quickly. Most computers have cache memory that holds some of the information from main memory. When the processor needs the information, it takes it from the faster cache instead of the slower main memory. Cache memory greatly increases the speed of a computer by storing data that is most often accessed.

**DDR**
Double Data Rate is a useful feature of some SDRAM that allows the memory chips to send and receive data twice as often as other memory.

**DDR2**
The specification for the second-generation DDR memory which includes higher speeds and greater bandwidth.

**DIMM**
Dual In-Line Memory Module is a circuit board on which RAM memory chips are mounted. A DIMM is capable of transferring 64 bits of data, where the older SIMMs (Single In-Line Memory Modules) could only transfer 32 bits. It is the DIMMS memory boards that fit snugly into the memory slots on PC motherboards.

**DUAL-CHANNEL**
This term describes a motherboard with two 64-bit wide channels. In order to use this feature fully, one should use two memory DIMMs of equal densities (size, speed and make).

**RAM**
Random Access Memory: volatile memory used as the main memory in a computer that temporarily stores data and processes information.

***Courtesy of The RAM Guy at www.corsair.com***

## Mother board

Intel, Asus, MSI, Giga-Byte and Abit all produce motherboards for Windows-based systems. For the latest information on matching CPUs and chipsets check out the web sites of the major board manufacturers. Most have web wizards that match CPUs and motherboards.

### WDC POWER TIP:

***Ensuring you use the RAM you have wisely is also key for great performance so check out our tips for optimising your RAM setup in the 'Faster Photoshop at No Cost' page on our WDC website. Just click on Downloads in the left-hand side of the home page. WDC***

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## Choice *Of Three*

**From:** Paul Curry

I want to buy a camera to photograph family and holidays, including my young sons playing football and doing karate. From your listings I've narrowed it down to the Sony R1, Fuji S9500 and Olympus E500. Which would you recommend? Does RAW give better images? Which of these do RAW? Finally, am I better off having the images professionally printed or buying a good printer myself? If it's the latter I've read about dye-sub printers that seem to make the images last longer, such as the HiTi 641PS. I believe Kodak does one too, but it's more expensive. How do they compare to inkjets?

***JAMIE REPLIES:*** *These cameras are all very good but very different. For best results, I'd go for the Sony R1, which I think is superb. But for versatility an SLR is best, as you can more easily adapt it to suit the photography you're doing by adding lenses, flash etc – especially important for shooting sport, as the 120mm lens on the R1 would probably be inadequate. RAW files (those unprocessed by the camera) do offer potentially better quality but they need more work on the computer to achieve it. All the cameras you mention have RAW options. Finally, for ultimate print quality I'd go for inkjet, which nowadays offers better print longevity than both dye-sub and silver prints, especially if using the latest inks and papers from Epson, HP or Canon.*

Pic: The New York Dolls, by Phil Wallis at NME

## It's only *rock'n'roll*

**From:** Damian

I have a Nikon D100 and SB800 and I take photos of bands in a music club. The bands are OK with me using my flash but the club isn't. I'm quite new to digital and not sure what settings are best for low light and the coloured lighting clubs have. I've set the camera to ISO 1200, 1/250sec, auto white balance and still get strange effects. I'd like to get the sharpest, clearest and most natural pictures I can. Can you help?

***NIGEL REPLIES:*** *We asked NME's staff photographer Phil Wallis, who does this sort of thing for a living. He says: 'When you start out shooting bands professionally a lot of venues and artists insist on the "3 songs, no flash" rule. This means you get about 12 minutes to shoot the band using just the light available. This rule is applied from Glasgow Barrowlands to Twickenham Stadium and all points in between, so it's vital to know how to shoot without flash. Having said that, there are some circumstances when venues will let you shoot with flash so try to practise both styles as much as you can.*

*'When shooting without flash, I favour sticking my EOS 20D on Aperture Priority (at the widest aperture I can) and rating the ISO at 800. I rarely uprate to 1600 as I don't like the level of grain. If you're still only able to get a relatively slow shutter speed, watch how the performer moves! Also watch the lighting patterns and change your metering accordingly (if the artist has a spotlight on their head it can get horribly bleached out if you get it wrong!) Practice makes perfect, and it's a lot cheaper now everything is digital!'*

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# Camera for safari

**From:** Ben Speke

Nigel Atherton

I'm taking my family to Africa later in the year for a once in a lifetime safari holiday. Much of it will be vehicle based but there will be some walking and horseback riding. I'm looking for a camera that I can carry in a pouch on a belt. My questions are:
1. Optical zoom: is 3x enough? I've already got a Canon Ixus 400.
2. To take photos from a horse will I need anti-shake technology?
3. There are no recharging facilities where we're going, so I'll need AA cells.
4. It must be very simple to use – I'm a techno-moron.
5. I'm looking to spend about £500.

***JAMIE REPLIES:*** *A few compact models offer 10x zoom and accept AA batteries. The £250 Nikon S4 has the equivalent of 38-380mm. It's also small enough to carry in a pouch.*
*A more traditional design comes in the shape of the £230 Olympus SP-500UZ, which offers the same zoom size. However, neither of these has any stabilisation. For that you should look at the new Panasonic TZ1, which has a 10x zoom covering 35-350mm and a Lithium-Ion rechargeable battery.*
*The final option is the slightly larger Canon S3 IS, which ticks all the boxes and would fit into a holster-type pouch. This has a 36-432mm lens, auto as well as manual controls, image stabilisation (though I would still recommend the horse be stationary), takes 4xAAs and costs around £449.*
*Both the Canon and Panasonic cameras are brand new and we haven't had them in for review yet. Look out for them in a forthcoming issue.*

## Top Tips

**GET IT RIGHT FIRST**
*Digital image-editing software can correct many mistakes but for maximum image quality, get it right in-camera first. Even RAW files will be better if the exposures and white balance are correct when you shoot. In addition you will cut down on the time it takes to correct images on a computer.*

# Minolta replacement

**From:** Mrs M Day

I own a Minolta 7000i and I'd like to renew it for a similar one new, but am unable to find a store that sells them. Minolta is unable to help.

**From:** Mathew Renwick

I bought a Minolta AF7000 in 1994 and had wonderful fun with it. The quality of my photos magically improved beyond recognition. Unfortunately it's gone wrong. I like the idea of replacing it with a digital but would I be able to buy anything to compare with it for not too much money?

***JAMIE REPLIES:*** *The 7000i is a 35mm camera from the 1980s and 1990s, and very nice it was. Unfortunately you can't buy them new any more, but you may be able to still get hold of the Dynax 5D or 7D (the closest digital equivalents) – though since the demise of Konica Minolta's camera division, remaining supplies are selling like hot cakes and won't be renewed. Sony's forthcoming DSLR will use the same mount, and we'll keep you posted as we get news.*

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# Byte Size

## Scanning advice

**From:** John Carlisle

I've got about 800 prints and slides and now I've retired I'd like to digitise them. Could you tell me the best scanner to buy for this? The prints are mostly 6x4in enprints and the slides, which number about 300, are mainly Kodachrome from the 1970s. My budget is about £500.

**Nigel replies:** *It's a good job you've retired John, because that's one hell of a job you've got there. I'd cancel all engagements for the next few years! Aside from the scanning you'll probably have to do quite a bit of post scanning work too, especially on those old Kodachromes which may have lost a bit of their punch by now. Your best bet would be the Epson F3200, a 3200ppi film scanner which also scans 6x4in prints. It's a great scanner (our scanner of the year) and you'll have just enough change from your budget to buy a Sudoku book, to keep you occupied during all that waiting. Alternatively you could spend your £500 paying someone else to do them. Most labs can do this for you. Jessops, for example, charges 50p per scan. It would probably end up costing you as much, and you wouldn't have the scanner to show for it, but you might get to keep your sanity.*

## Super Zoom

**From:** Paul Ballinger

I want to buy a superzoom. Should I buy the Panasonic DMC FZ7 or spend that little bit more and go for the Panasonic FZ30 or Fuji s9500? Apart from the size, the increase in megapixels and manual zoom capability, can you tell me, for a keen amateur, what the main differences are? My main interest is wildlife photography. I am not considering a DSLR.

***NATALIE REPLIES:*** *The FZ1 received a favourable review last month. Its main benefit is a higher ISO, up to 1600, compared to the FZ30's ISO 400. However it doesn't offer RAW if that's important to you. The S9500 has both RAW and an ISO of 1600, and produces less image noise than both Panasonic cameras. I found it a little quirky to handle though, especially the menu. On the downside, for wildlife it has a shorter focal range (28-300mm) compared to Panasonic's 38-432mm, and lacks image stabilisation. Overall, for wildlife, my vote would be for the FZ30.*

## Slim Shady

**From:** Piers Dornay

I can barely see the LCD screen on my Canon 300D when I use it outdoors on sunny days. Is there anything I can do?

***NIGEL REPLIES:*** *Hoodman and Delkin make a range of pop-up LCD shades to fit most SLRs. See our Hoodman review on page 48. The Delkin version will be reviewed next month.*

# EOS 5D *or D200?*

**From:** Kevin Skinner

After a couple of years of faithful use, I am considering upgrading my Canon EOS 300D and read your head to head article in Issue 107 between the Canon 5D and Nikon D200. I'm looking at the Canon but the line 'Of course, there are other considerations when deciding between cameras...the range of lenses and accessories you may already own' made me think again. Doing my sums it looks as if it would be more cost effective for me to buy myself a Nikon D200, replace my Canon lenses with similarly specified Nikon ones (I would have to anyway because my digital lenses are not suitable for the 5D), and still have money left to buy one or two quality lenses. All this for, roughly, the same price as upgrading to the Canon 5D and a somewhat negligible difference in image quality. When considering parting with nearly two grand (the price of the Canon) I want to get it right. Is my logic flawed?

***JAMIE REPLIES:*** *No Kevin, it makes perfect financial sense. The EOS 5D is great, but expensive, and to get the most out of it you'll need really good lenses. And they're expensive too. If you'd spent a lot of money in the past investing in those lenses, as well as flashguns and so on, then the Canon 5D may be a good option.*

*If not, then financially the Nikon is a better buy. In terms of handling and use I preferred it, though that is somewhat subjective. The question is, 'Is the EOS 5D's slightly superior image quality worth the extra expense?' For most enthusiasts, probably not. Just to throw a spanner into the works though, have you considered the new Canon 30D? It's a similar price to the D200, will take your existing Canon lenses, and is still a major step up from your 300D. We'll be comparing it with the D200 and Fuji S3 Pro in our big head to head test next month.*

# Shooting *assignment*

**From:** Philip McConnell

I'm working on an assignment for my Essential Skills course. The working title for my project is 'Which Digital SLR would be a good replacement for my Nikon F80?' I already have some Nikon lenses so I've looked for DSLRs that will work with them. The Kodak DCS Pro SLR/n was one, but I've been told that it doesn't do well outside the studio. Then, in your Assault on the Sensors article (June 2005) the Fujifilm FinePix S3 Pro was the best. Other reviews I've read praise its performance. The only other DSLR I've looked at in the same depth is the Nikon D2X because of the way it takes a dark frame after long exposures. Can you tell me how good both cameras are at long exposures of the night sky (astronomy) and landscape in low light levels. This is what I will be using the camera for most of the time.

***NIGEL REPLIES:*** *Is this a theoretical project? If so I'd rule out the Kodak DCS Pro SLR/n (now discontinued anyway), the Fujifilm S3 Pro and Nikon D2X because they're all professional cameras and the F80 isn't. The nearest digital equivalent to the F80 is the Nikon D70s. However, if you actually plan to buy one, that's a different matter. Because if you want a pro-spec DSLR and can afford one then why not? The Fuji S3 Pro did well in our sensor comparison but that looked at image quality only, and not at the features, performance, handling and other factors that we take into account in a normal test.*

*The S3 Pro is based on the F80, so you'd find it easy to get to grips with. The D2X is, frankly, a much better camera, but then it is twice the price. What you haven't mentioned is the Nikon D200 which is similar in price to the S3 Pro but is much better built and specified than the Fuji. What I can't say is whether the image quality is better, as we haven't yet done our direct comparison – see next month's head to head for that. For low-light shooting, however, neither would be as good as the D2X, as that has better noise control.*

## Top Tips

**ACTION MAN**

*If you're performing the same edits to a set of images, make an action in Photoshop to save time. Open Window>Actions then click on the new action button and name it. Click the record button and perform the set of edits on the first image. Stop recording when done. Select the action and click the play button on subsequent images.*

# Dynax *or EOS?*

**From:** Karl Simmonds

I mainly shoot candid portraits and wildlife photography though would like to do more sports and landscapes, and have narrowed the choice of new bodies to the Konica Minolta 5D and the Canon 350D. Though I'm leaning more towards the 5D because of its Anti Shake system, I'm a bit hesitant, what with the Sony takeover. If in a couple of years I wish to change the body it may mean changing the lenses also. I'm also worried about the 5D's shutter noise for wildlife photography, and how quick the AF would be with a non-Minolta lenses (Sigma). Would the lack of HSM on certain lenses affect things much? I understand the 5D's 18-70mm lens is better than the 350D's, and was thinking of using this for landscapes and then going for the Sigma 28-200/300 for general use, macro and portraits; combined with the Sigma 135-400mm APO or the 175-500mm APO for wildlife and sports. I like the idea of having one lens for both. So I am thinking more about the Sigma 50-500 EX DG as the cost is very similar to the two-lens choice. What do you advise?

***JAMIE REPLIES:*** *Sony has promised to maintain the KM mount, so theoretically the 5D is future proof. Although there's no guarantee, Sony is certainly in a strong position. I have used the Sigma 50-500mm and it is a nice lens, but heavy. I prefer to have a set of smaller lenses, which I can pick and choose for different types of photography. If, for example, I'm just going for a day out in London, I'll choose a standard zoom, but if I'm going to the zoo, I'll take a longer zoom. This way, I'm not breaking my back carrying inappropriate equipment.*

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# Panorama no drama

**From:** Mary McBride

I like country walking and want a digital camera to take with me. I love the shape of panoramic photos but do you need a computer to make them? Is there a camera that will take panoramas, like my APS camera?

***NIGEL REPLIES:*** *There are several options. The best would be the Panasonic LX1, the first (and so far only) digital camera which has a panoramic shaped sensor, so you get proper panoramic photos right out of the camera. You can switch to normal shaped images if you want to. It costs about £350 and is quite small, so would make an ideal companion for walking. Several cameras produce panoramic shots in the same way your APS camera did – by cropping the top and bottom off the image recorded by its standard-shaped sensor – like in-camera scissors. The third option is one of the growing band of cameras that let you take a series of consecutive images of a scene from left to right and then automatically stitches them together, in camera, to make one long panorama. With this method there's no limit to the width of panorama you can get (up to 360° anyway) but it requires more work on your part. Be careful when shooting to keep the camera level, to overlap each image, and ensure each consecutive shot is aligned with the guide marks on the LCD screen, or you'll see the joins between the shots. If this doesn't faze you look at models from HP, Nikon, Canon and Pentax, many of which offer this feature.*

# Worn Out

**From:** Trish Ryall

I want a compact digicam for about £400. I have no technical knowledge but take thousands of photos and may take a course. A problem I have encountered with compact cameras (not digital) is that I wear out the shutter release button; this has happened on two or three occasions in the past few years. Personnel in camera outlets have said that this is because I take such a high volume of photos. I take a lot of landscape pictures and pictures of all family and other events. On holidays I normally take about 25 rolls of 36exp film.

***JAMIE REPLIES:*** *I suggest a metal-bodied camera such as the Canon Powershot S80. This also has a wideangle 28mm lens, ideal for landscapes. Digital camera owners tend to take a lot more photos than film photographers thanks to the ease of the delete button and the lack of film cost, so beware, you'll probably take a lot more. Also, buy plenty of high-capacity memory cards or a portable hard drive for clearing your media card on the move, and a spare battery. All consumer products have an inbuilt life span, and it's logical that higher than average usage will shorten that life. The good thing is that digital cameras are getting better and cheaper and the money you save on film makes buying replacements more affordable.*

Martin Evening's

# Digital Surgery

**What's wrong with this picture?** Martin formulates his diagnosis and nurses it back to health

## Bali good!

**By** Richard Sisson

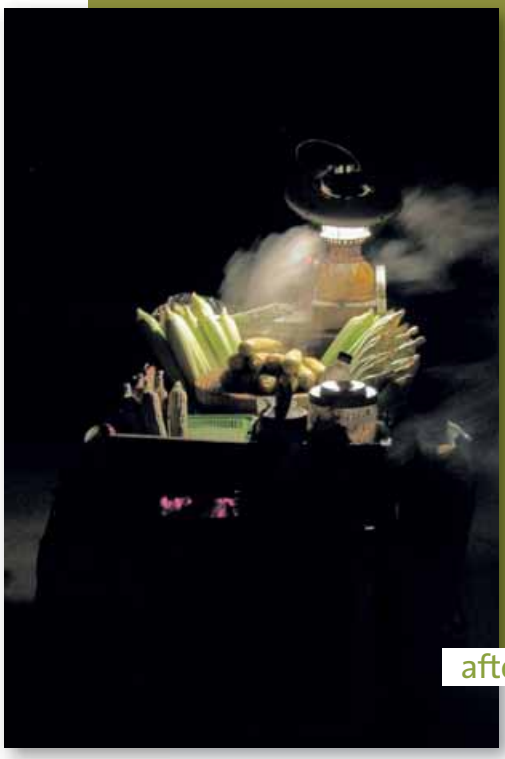
The attached photo is from our holidays in Bali in 2005. All the pictures were taken by my Canon Powershot S50 using f/2.8 and ISO400 (no tripod). All pictures are from Jimbran Bay. We hope you like them (we love the gasoline lantern).

before

***MARTIN SAYS:*** *At first I thought this might have been a studio shot, until I realised what the subject was. I like the way the steam or smoke is backlit by the lantern and captured in blurry motion, as this adds a kind of ghostly quality to the picture. The main problem though is the high contrast that has hidden a lot of the shadow detail in the scene, and I do feel that more could be done to bring out some of this information.*

## Here's how

**STEP 1** In Photoshop CS there is a tool called Shadow/Highlight (in the **Image > Adjustments** submenu). There is an equivalent tool in Photoshop Elements, but the Photoshop version has more options and the settings I used here allowed me to apply a correction to the shadows that revealed more detail in the darker areas.



after

**STEP 2** As well as lightening the shadows I was able to adjust the highlights so that more information could be seen in the smoke and brighter portions of the picture. The best way to approach these slider controls is to adjust them in the order they are presented in the dialogue. The amount sliders control the amount of the effect that is applied. The Tonal Width sliders control the depth of the tonal range that the effect is applied to. And lastly, the Radius slider acts as a distribution control based on the width area within the image.

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# Jargon Buster

*Everything you need to know about image-editing, but in an alphabetical order. This month we continue with G*

## G is for...

**GRADIENT TOOL**
**This tool is ideal for applying subtle blocks of tone to difficult highlights such as skies and other bright areas. In the toolbox, click on gradient tool then click on the linear gradient icon on the toolbar at the top of the screen. Depending on the value you applied to the gradient and how far beyond the edge of the selection you took the cursor when you click dragged it over the selection and released it, you will have a graded tonality from light to dark across the selected area and the highlight will be subdued.**

**GROW**
Found under the selection menu, this lets you expand on a marquee selection.

**GAUSSIAN BLUR**
Quickly blurs a selection by an adjustable amount. Gaussian refers to the bell-shaped curve that is generated when Photoshop applies a weighted average to the pixels. The Gaussian Blur filter adds low-frequency detail and can produce a hazy effect.

**GRAPHIC PEN FILTER**
Uses fine, linear ink strokes to capture the details in the original image and is especially striking with scanned images.

**GLOWING EDGES FILTER**
Identifies the edges of colour and adds a neon-like glow to them.

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# A Lumi what?

**From:** C J Webb

I just bought a Lumicron LDC-825Z3 (tempted by Tesco's price). It appears to work well, but nowhere can I find any mention of it in any magazine, not even in the ads. It would appear to have never existed! Also I need to find out if the lenses for my Minolta Dynax, Canon and Pentax film SLRs will fit any of the digital SLRs.

***JAMIE REPLIES:*** ***There are about 400 different digital cameras on sale in the UK, and WDC reviews about 120 a year. With so many, we have to draw the line somewhere so we stick to named brands. There are companies in China producing cheap cameras that appear under many brand names, so chances are your Lumicron is one of those.***

***As for your SLR lenses, all of the brands you mention have digital models which should accept your current lenses, depending on their age, though the Minolta mount has recently been taken over by Sony.***

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## Hand tinting

**From:** Graham Cox

I am a recent convert to digital and would very much like to know if I am still able to do hand-tinting techniques with my images?

***TERRY REPLIES:*** *The art of hand colouring black and white images hasn't been lost with your move to digital, but has become more flexible. To begin, select* ***Image > Mode > Grayscale****, to convert your image to black and white and then* ***Image > Mode > RGB****, to move back to a colour workspace, yet remaining monochrome. Next, choose* ***Layer > New > Layer****, enter the name 'Edit Layer' and click OK. You've created a new transparent layer in your Layers palette which we'll be working initially. Ensuring that the Edit Layer is selected, choose 'Color' from the Blending Options menu. Select your first choice of colour for the tinting process (use either the Colors/Swatches palettes or alter the Foreground swatch). Select the Brush tool (B) and begin tinting by painting on areas of your image. I would suggest that you repeat the technique above for creating a new layer for each colour that you use. Enjoy.*

## Two colour simplicity

**From:** Felix Bell

I am considering purchasing Photoshop and would like to know if there is an easy way of using it to create Duotone images?

***TERRY REPLIES:*** *I suggest you download the trial software to try this technique first. Select* ***Image > Mode > Grayscale*** *from the menu bar to convert the image to black and white. Next,* ***Image > Mode > Duotone****. In the Duotone Options box, choose Duotone from the Type menu and you'll activate two inks. For now, leave the Black ink untouched. Click on the white swatch for Ink 2 and choose your preferred colour (it is often useful to move the floating boxes in such a way that you can see the changes on your image) and when satisfied, click OK. Click the Curve box to the left of Ink swatch 2. This is your Duotone Curve options box and will allow you to control the range of each ink tonally. For example, enter the value of 80% in the 100% box. This will prevent the Ink 2 colour printing in the shadow areas above 80% grey. Experiment until satisfied and click OK and OK again. Please remember that duotones are restricted to specific file formats and I would suggest saving in a Photoshop file format once this task is completed.*

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# Evening Class

Photographer, author and Photoshop guru Martin Evening passes his verdict on a selection of your photos

*See page 19 for details on how to send us your digital images*

## Moon and Reflections

**By** Phil Smith
**Camera** Canon 300D

'On a trip out in the Dales, I rounded a corner and saw a daylight moon, being intersected by the vapour trail of a passing jet! I pulled up on the verge, and got out my tripod, Canon 300D, Sigma 70-200 with a 2x convertor, and remote release. The image has had a little post processing in Photoshop, using Auto Levels and a touch of unsharp mask.' For the Reflections image, I shot this reservoir, further down the same road, as in the cold evening air it presented itself magnificently. In Photoshop I adjusted the levels, cloned out a few minor distractions, and cropped the horizon away from the centre.'

***Martin says:*** *I thought it would be a good idea to include two of Phil's photographs, because they both have unique qualities and are worthy of inclusion in this month's pick of reader images. The picture of the aircraft vapour trail passing in front of the moon is an impressive technical achievement, particularly when you consider that Phil had the right equipment to hand to capture this shot. I notice that the reflections photograph was taken with an extreme wide-angle lens and this has helped to emphasise the perspective of the clouds and their reflection in the water.*

## Football on the Beach

**By** Chris Mole **Camera** Canon 20D

'Here's a shot of my son Edward playing football on Freshwater East beach in Pembrokeshire. It is taken into the setting (winter) sun to give an orange silhouette.'

***Martin says:*** *Here is a really good reason to ignore advice about not shooting into the sun. Chris has combined a number of skilful techniques to produce the photograph we see here. First, a long focal length lens has been used to compress the perspective. And the timing and the camera angle are perfect. Notice how there is an interesting contrast between his son caught in midair with the football, and the out-of-focus figures in the background.*

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# Angel *of the* North

**By** Malcolm Smith **Camera** Minolta Dynax 7D, 28-80mm

'The Angel is quite difficult to photograph well due to the number of people that visit, the fact that it is wide and you can't stand back far without including distracting details of the hill it is on and the buildings at Low Fell. After trying to make a joiner, I shot this as a parting gesture in both fine JPG and RAW. However, I have only processed this JPG through Elements 3. The missing portion of the top left wing is the only disappointment. I am now saving for an extreme wideangle lens.'

***Martin says:*** *I appreciate the dilemma Malcolm faced here. I agree that a wideangle lens would have made a difference and enabled Malcolm to achieve his aim of enclosing the whole sculpture within the picture. But I don't think the solution he came up with here is in any way a poor compromise. Yes, with a wideangle lens it would have been possible to fit the whole of the sculpture into the camera frame, but a tight view such as the one shown here can be just as interesting and valid.*

# Botanical *Gardens*

**By** Peter Tuck **Camera** Panasonic FZ20

'I tried to capture the waterfall with as slow a shutter speed as possible to give that milky effect. I used shutter priority mode (1/40sec). I believe that a neutral density filter could have helped.'

***Martin says:*** *Peter is on the right track. But you really need a time exposure of a second or longer to capture a smooth, silky water effect. The cost of a neutral density should be proportionate to the quality of the camera used. So Peter could have bought a single four-stop filter, but a better (and cheaper) alternative would be to choose a location or time of day where the light levels are a lot lower than the scene photographed here.*

# Babysteps

**By** Jimmy Fransson **Camera** Nikon D70, 18-70mm

'This is a picture of my son's shoes. He's seven months old. I converted this photograph to black & white then I used Nik's bicolor filter to get the brown feeling into the picture.'

***Martin says:*** *I like this still-life photograph because of its simplicity as well as the choice of camera lens and angle. The shallow focus places most of the emphasis on a single shoe in the foreground and the overall composition is very nicely balanced. I also like the sepia effect Jimmy applied here which is quite subtle and not too dominant.*

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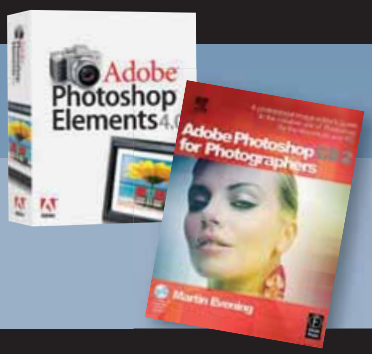


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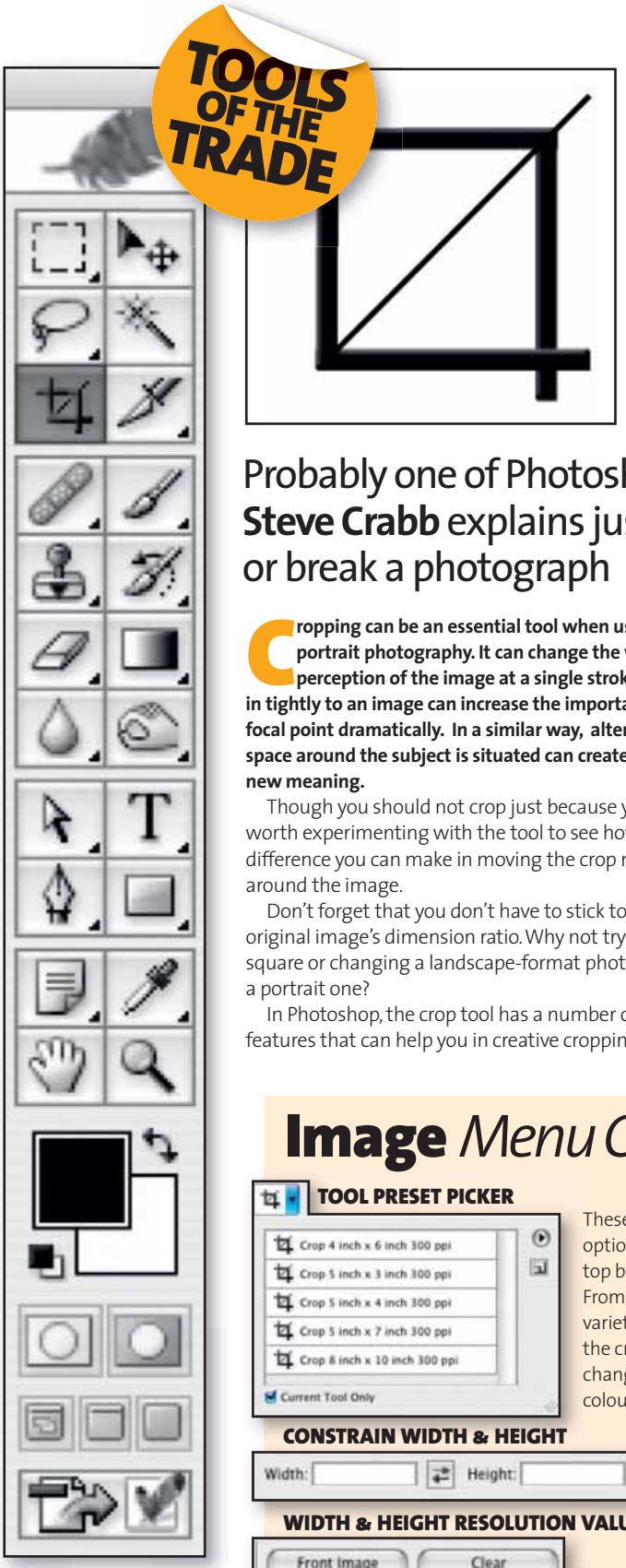



# The Crop Tool

## Probably one of Photoshop's most underrated tools, **Steve Crabb** explains just how the Crop tool can easily make or break a photograph

**Cropping can be an essential tool when used with portrait photography. It can change the whole perception of the image at a single stroke. Cropping in tightly to an image can increase the importance of the focal point dramatically. In a similar way, altering where space around the subject is situated can create a whole new meaning.**

Though you should not crop just because you can, it is worth experimenting with the tool to see how much difference you can make in moving the crop marquee around the image.

Don't forget that you don't have to stick to your original image's dimension ratio. Why not try cropping it square or changing a landscape-format photograph into a portrait one?

In Photoshop, the crop tool has a number of great features that can help you in creative cropping. First, you can adjust the opacity of the surrounding crop area to 100% black – this may help you to visualise the final result. To do this, select the crop tool and draw a crop marquee across your image. The surrounding area should be a tint of about 75% black, so you can see the underlying areas.

Up in the menu bar you will find the options for the crop tool. In the opacity field enter the figure 100. This will enable the opacity to become completely black. If you click on the black square to the left, you can also set which colour you would prefer.

You can also move the cross hair found in the centre of the crop marquee and then use the handles in the corners to rotate the crop around the cross hair. You can keep the cross hair inside the marquee or outside it somewhere else on the image. The crop marquee will always rotate around the cross hair wherever it is.

## Image *Menu Options*

**TOOL PRESET PICKER**


Crop 4 inch x 6 inch 300 ppi
Crop 5 inch x 3 inch 300 ppi
Crop 5 inch x 4 inch 300 ppi
Crop 5 inch x 7 inch 300 ppi
Crop 8 inch x 10 inch 300 ppi
Current Tool Only

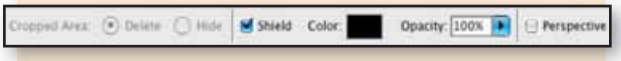
These tool menu options are found in the top bar of the screen. From here you can set a variety of options for the crop tool, such as change the opacity and colour of the waste area.

**CONSTRAIN WIDTH & HEIGHT**




**WIDTH & HEIGHT RESOLUTION VALUES**

**OPACITY OPTIONS**




**SET RESOLUTION FOR CROPPED IMAGE**

## Step *By Step*

### 1 Select *the tool*

From the tool palette, select the Crop tool. Click onto your image and hold down the mouse. While still holding the mouse down, drag across the image. A rectangular dotted line will appear – this is called a marquee.

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**Left:** The portrait of two sisters is adequate as it is, but notice there is quite a lot of empty space surrounding them. This may be fine in a standard portrait, but this image is trying to show a loving bond between the two girls

**Below:** By cropping in very tight to the two faces and removing nearly all of the background, as in the bottom image , the eye is drawn into the centre focal point. This creates an intimate composition that conveys more emotion

# TOP TIPS!

**DON'T JUST STICK TO BLACK**
Next to the opacity slider in the image menu options is a small colour picker. Click on this and it will launch the main colour picker window. From here you can select a new colour instead of black for the crop waste area.

**CROP AN UNUSUAL SHAPE**
Up in the image menu options you will see the check button 'Perspective'. Click on this and your crop marquee can be dragged to any unconstrained shape and size.

## 2 Adjust *the marquee*

On each of the four corners and on the edges of the marquee are small handles. These handles allow you to adjust the size and shape of the crop marquee. If you hover your mouse over one of them, the pointer will change to an adjustment arrow. Click and drag the handles to your desired area.

## 3 Adjust *the opacity*

From the options area at the top of the screen, you can change the opacity of the waste area surrounding your crop marquee. The default opacity is 75% black, but by using the slider, you can increase this to 100%. By doing this, you will block out the waste area completely, thus allowing you to view only the crop area.

## 4 Set *the crop*

When you have finished adjusting the crop area, either hit the Enter or Return key or click onto any other tool in the tool palette. This will then give you the option to either accept or decline the new crop.

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# Adding Colour to your Black & Whites

The Photoshop Project

In these four tutorials, **Philip Andrews** reintroduces you to the art of toning minus the chemical baths and smelly darkrooms

**Although almost all photos are now being captured in colour, the popularity of monochrome image-making doesn't seem to be on the wane. The continued support of monochrome in the face of full- impact digital colour is testament not only to the sheer sense of class that it brings to many a picture but also to the long-held tradition that the ongoing production of black and white photos maintains. Closely aligned to monochrome, and no less popular, is the darkroom-based art of toning or the tinting of the black and white photograph.**

Rather than sounding the death knell for print toning, the onset of digital opened the floodgates of colouring possibilities that were totally unimaginable in the days when most of my processing was done in the dark. Now any colour that you can see on screen can become the basis of a toned print. We can mix multiple colours in a single image and even assign different parts of the tonal scale to individual hues. It is even possible to tone one area of the photo with a single colour while leaving the rest of the image untouched or colorised with another hue. Impressed? I am.

In these tutorials we have used the same base photograph in order to demonstrate more clearly the effect of the different digital toning techniques. >>

## The *brief*

Tone your black & wite photographs using a single colour, duotones or selective toning

## Skill *level* 1 2 3 4 5

**TOOLS AND SKILLS**

- Shadow/Highlight
- Levels/Curves
- Desaturation command
- Hue/Saturation
- Layer mask

## Completion *time*

**20** minutes

## Software

Photoshop CS and Elements

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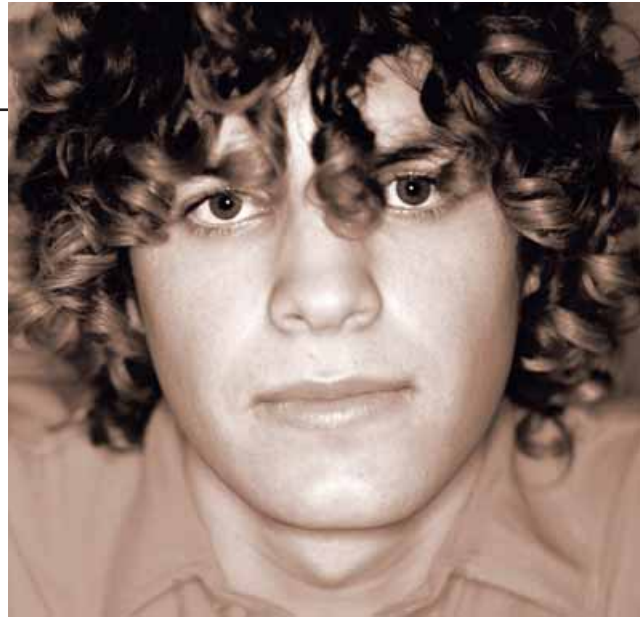


# Single *colour tones*

## Photoshop and Photoshop Elements

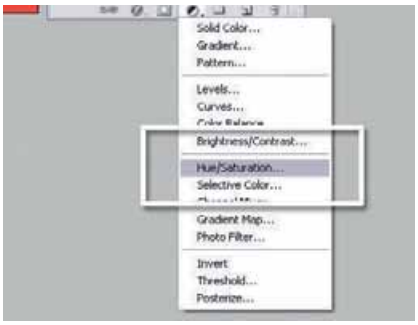
Photoshop, and Photoshop Elements, makes creating toned or tinted monochromes easy. The simplest approach uses the Colorize option in the Hue/Saturation dialogue (Photoshop: **Image > Adjust** or Photoshop Elements: **Enhance > Adjust Colour menus**). Toning using the Colorize option replaces the grey with the shades of the individual colour you select. Light greys are swapped with lightly coloured tones, mid-greys with slightly darker hues and heavier greys with richer versions of the toning colour. Toning using Hue/Saturation is as simple as selecting the Colorize option (bottom right of the dialogue) then adjusting the sliders until you see the style of tinting that you desire.

### Step 1 RGB *mode*

Convert the photo to RGB (**Image > Mode > RGB Colour**). If you are starting with a colour photo go to step two.

### Step 2 Layers *palette*

Apply changes via an adjustment layer. To do this, click on the Create Adjustment Layer icon in the Layers palette.




### Step 3 Adjust *sliders*

With the Hue/Saturation dialogue open, select Colorize. Adjust the Hue slider to select the toning colour, moving left to right. Use the Saturation slider to choose the colour's strength. Click OK.

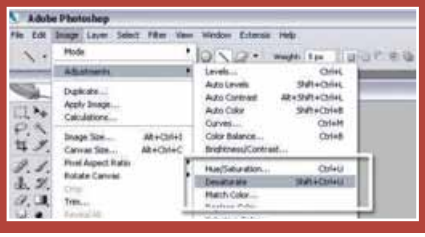
# Two tones *in the* one print

## Photoshop and Photoshop Elements

**This split-toning technique uses the Colour Variations feature in Elements (called Variations in Photoshop). Normally used to remove colour casts, Color Variations has the option to specify what part of the photo's tonal range the tint is applied to. By selecting Highlights, or Shadows, you can add a cast. To add a colour, choose the tonal area (Shadows, Midtones or Highlights) then select one of the thumbnails. This introduces a tint to specific tonal ranges of your b&w photo. By adding different colours to highlights and shadows you can simulate the results of the traditional split-toning process. Though you can make highlights, shadows and midtones different colours, the middle tones tend to be consumed by the other hues. So I am content to play with the tints of my shadows and highlights. To create split-toning effects losslessly (without altering the original pixels), Photoshop users can also alter the shadow and highlight tints with a Colour Balance Adjustment Layer.**

### Step 1 Remove *colour*

Ensure the b&w picture is in RGB mode (**Image > Mode > RGB**). If it is a colour image go to **Enhance > Adjust Color > Remove Color** (Photoshop: **Image > Adjustment > Desaturate**). Next select **Enhance > Adjust Color > Color Variations** (Photoshop: **Image > Adjustments > Variations**).

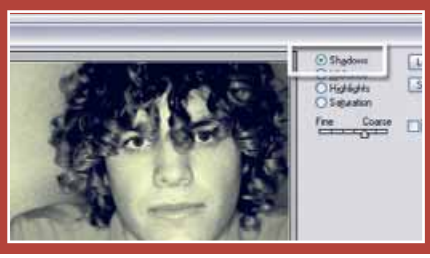



### Step 2 Adjust *colour*

With the Color Variations dialogue open, select the Highlights areas to adjust. Now click onto the thumbnail of the colour you wish to add. Check the change in the preview window and click the thumbnail again for a stronger colour.

### Step 3 Save *settings*

Without closing the dialogue, select the shadow areas and add colour by clicking an alternative thumbnail. Click OK. Click Save to store the dialogue values. When next opening an image to be split toned, load the saved values into the Variations dialogue.

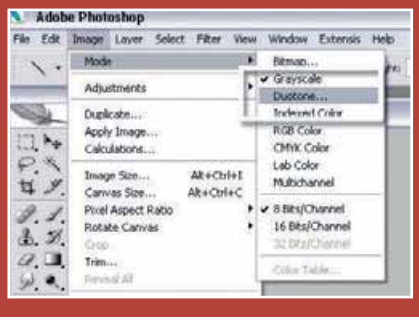


# **Ultimate** *toning*
## Photoshop

**Photoshop also has a sophisticated Duotone editor (Image > Mode > Duotone). This allows the user to select the two colours (or more) that will be present in the final image as well as edit which parts of the tonal curve each tint will be applied to. Adjusting the shape of the curve can restrict the first colour to just the shadow areas letting the second colour be used for printing the rest of the picture. Unlike the other techniques we have looked at, you need to start with a greyscale image. Tri and quadtones extend your creative possibilities even more.**

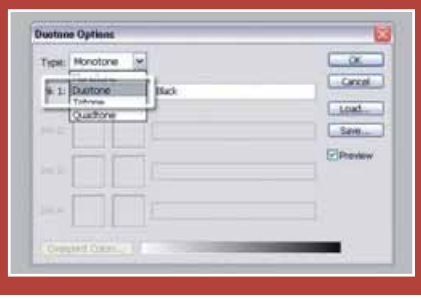
### Step 1 **Convert** *image*

Convert the colour image to greyscale (**Image > Mode > Greyscale**). Next switch to Duotone mode (**Image > Mode > Duotone**).



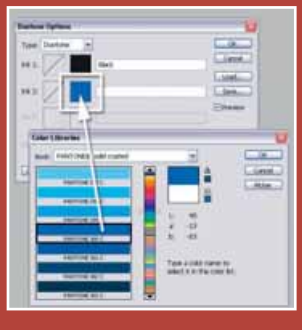

### Step 2 **Change** *entry*

Select the drop-down Type menu, top left of the dialogue. Change the entry from Monotone (one colour or ink) to Duotone (two colours), Tritone (three colours) or Quadtone (four).




### Step 3 **Second** *ink*

Double click in the second ink colour area ('Ink 2') to select a colour to add to the Black ink that is the default for Ink 1. Double click in the curve area to the left of the colour swatch to adjust the application curve or how the inks are mixed.

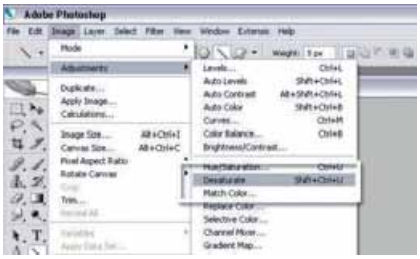


# **Selective** *toning*
## Photoshop and PS Elements

What if you only want to tint or tone a portion of your photograph? For this technique we start with a monochrome picture that is still in the RGB mode. This can be created by removing all colour with the **Image > Adjustments > Desaturate** command (Photoshop Elements: **Enhance > Adjust Color > Remove Color**). Next we select the area to be toned using your favourite selection tool. Here I used the Lasso to isolate the face, neck and hair. With the selection still active I then add a Hue/Saturation adjustment layer. The areas not selected are then masked from the adjustment layer effects leaving the rest of the image available for toning. Click the Colorize button in the Hue/Saturation dialogue and adjust the settings.

### Step 1 **Desaturate**

If starting with a colour photo, desaturate it. Photoshop: **Image > Adjustments > Desaturate**. Elements: **Enhance > Adjust Color > Remove Color**. If your image is greyscale, change to a colour file: **Image > Mode > RGB**.




### Step 2 **Selection** *tool*

Select the area to be toned. I used the Lasso. For a softer edge to the selection go to **Select > Feather** and input a pixel feather radius value to suit the image. For softer transitions use a higher value.

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### Step 3 **Hue**/*Saturation*

With the selection active, go to **Layer > New Adjustment Layer > Hue/Saturation**. A new layer with a thumbnail mask is created above the image. The mask contains a white area in the position of the selection and the rest of the mask is black. Altering the settings of the adjustment layer will only affect the area masked with white.

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6 mega pixels NEW

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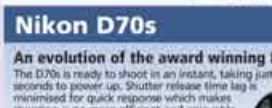

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- MJU810 (New) ..... £259.95
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- IR300 ..... £203.95
- SP320 ..... £209.95
- SP350 ..... £209.95
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- Optio S6 ..... £219.99
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BG1 ..... £32.99
FE1 ..... £44.99
FM50..... £54.99
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Batteries & AC Adaptors

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NB-4L Battery for Ixus 40/50..... £29.99
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BP-511 Battery for D60/10D/G5..... £49.99
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LA-DC58D Lens Adapt. Pro-1..... £24.99
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NP40 Battery..... £34.99
NP30 Battery ..... £34.99
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NP-400 Battery ..... £49.99
NP-700 Battery ..... £29.99
NP-800 Battery ..... £39.99
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External Battery Kit EBP-100 ..... £189.99

#### Accessories

RS-1000L Remote Cable ..... £54.99
RC-1000S Remote Cable ..... £34.99
RC-3IR Remote Control ..... £19.99

#### Lenses

ZCW100 WA ..... £69.99
ZCW200 WA ..... £69.99
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Flashgun 3600HS(D) ..... £139.99
Flashgun 5600HS(D) ..... £259.99
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Accessories

SC-17TTL Sensor Cable ..... £59.99
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Multi Flash Adaptor ..... £29
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EN-EL1..... £34.99
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Wideangle WC-E80 ..... £129.99
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Batteries & AC Adaptors

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LB-01E ..... £9.99
Li-12B ..... £19.99
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Accessories

RM-CB1 Remote Control ..... £54.99
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Aqua Housing PFL-02 (FL20)..... £159.99
Aqua Housing PT-02 (C800)..... £39.99
Aqua Housing PT-014 (C50)..... £129.99
Aqua Housing PT-017 (C350)..... £89.99
Aqua Housing PT-019 (5000)..... £159.99
Aqua Housing PT-020 (5060)..... £159.99
Aqua Housing PT-021 (C360/460)..... £119.99
Aqua Housing PT-022 (C765/770)..... £159.99
Aqua Housing PT-023 (C8080) ..... £189.99
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Aqua Housing PT-027 (C7070) ..... £159.99
Aqua Housing PT-032 (MJU700) ..... £139.99
Housing CW-PC01 for MJU Mini/S..... £29.99

Flash

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Lenses & Accessories

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WCON 07C Wide 07x..... £149.99
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#### Sigma Flashguns

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- EF500 Super DG TTL..... £149.99
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- Pixma IP5200 ..... £109.99
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- Photo R800 ..... £218.99
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- SELPHY CP510 ..... £79.99
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SD 512MB x 12 Standard ..... £19.99
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SD 512MB x 50 Elite Pro ..... £27.99
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SD 1gig Ultra II ..... £47.49
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MS 512 Pro ..... £27.99
MS 1gig Pro ..... £44.99
MS 2gig Pro ..... £79.99
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MS 512 Pro Duo ..... £29.99
MS 1gig Pro Duo ..... £49.99
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Hoya 62mm Pro Skylight 1B ..... £32.99
Hoya 62mm Pro CPol ..... £79.99
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Hoya 67mm Pro Skylight 1B ..... £36.99
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Hoya 72mm Pro CPol ..... £114.99
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| EN-EL3 (D100, D70, D70s) | £46.99* |
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| MH-53c Car Charger (for 8700) | £49.99 |
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- Easyshare z650
- EasyShare V603
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| C310 | £74.99 |
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| C330 | £99.99 |
| C533 NEW | £Phone |
| C643 NEW | £Phone |
| C663 | £169.99 |
| Z740 + Printer Dock (4 only) | £189.99 |
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| V550 + Printer Dock | £234.98 |
| V570 | £239.99 |
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| P880 | £339.99 |

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| Photo PictureMate 500 | £Phone |
| Stylus Photo R220 | £69.00 |
| Stylus Photo R240 | £95.00* |
| Stylus Photo R340 | £129.00 |
| Stylus Photo R800 | £232.00* |
| Stylus Photo R1800 | £342.00 |
| Stylus Photo R2400 | £579.00 |
| Stylus Pro 4000 | £1769.99 |

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| Perfection 3590 Photo | £99.00 |
| Perfection 4490 Photo | £194.00 |
| Perfection 4990 Photo | £334.00* |
| V700/V750 NEW | £Phone |

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| SP AF 14mm f2.8 Aspherical (IF) | £799.99 |
| SP AF 90mm f/2.8 Di Macro 1:1 | £288.99 |
| SP AF 180mm f/3.5 Di Macro 1:1 | £548.99 |
| AF 300mm F/2.8 Aspherical (IF) | £1999.99 |
| SP AF 11-18mm f/4.5-5.6 Di-II LD | £379.99 |
| SP AF 17-35mm f/2.8-4 Di LD (IF) | £328.99 |
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| AF 24-135mm F/3.5-5.6 AD (IF) | £319.99 |
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| AF 28-80mm F/3.5-5.6 Asp. | £59.99 |
| AF 28-105mm F/4-5.6 Asp. (IF) | £119.99 |
| AF 28-200mm f3.8-5.6 XR IF | £Phone |
| SP AF 28-300mm f/3.5-6.3 XR Di | £213.99 |
| AF 55-200mm F/4-5.6 Di II LD | £129.00 |
| AF 70-300mm f4-5.6 LD Macro | £99.99 |
| SP AF 200-500mm f/5-6.3 Di LD IF | £669.99 |

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| | Lens Price | Price With Filter |
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| Sigma AF 8mm f4 EX DG Circular Fisheye New | £499.99 | - |
| Sigma AF 14mm f2.8 Aspherical EX | £539.99 | - |
| Sigma AF 15mm f2.8 Diagonal Fisheye DG New | £389.99 | - |
| Sigma AF 20mm f1.8 Aspherical EX DG | £294.99 | £347.99 |
| Sigma 24mm f1.8 EX DG | £216.99 | £266.98 |
| Sigma 28mm f1.8 EX DG | £173.99 | £223.98 |
| Sigma AF 30mm f/1.4 EX DC HSM | £299.99 | £319.99 |
| Sigma AF 50mm f/2.8 EX DG Macro | £194.99 | £210.99 |
| Sigma AF 105mm f/2.8 EX DG Macro New | £289.99 | £306.99 |
| Sigma AF 150mm f/2.8 EX DG HSM Macro | £439.99 | £470.99 |
| Sigma 180mm f3.5 EX Macro DG | £464.99 | £499.98 |
| Sigma 300mm f2.8 APO EX DG HSM New | £2594.99 | - |
| Sigma 500mm f4.5 APO EX DG HSM New | £3794.99 | - |
| Sigma 800mm f5.6 APO EX DG HSM New | £3794.99 | - |
| Sigma AF 10-20mm f/4-5.6 EX DC HSM | £324.99 | £368.99 |
| Sigma AF 12-24mm f4.5-5.6 DG EX Aspherical HSM | £444.99 | - |
| Sigma AF 15-30mm f3.5-4.5 DG EX | £299.99 | - |
| Sigma AF 17-35mm f2.8-4 EX DG Aspherical | £309.99 | £353.99 |
| Sigma AF 17-70mm f2.8-4.5 DC Macro New | £Phone | £Phone |
| Sigma AF 18-50mm f/2.8 EX DC | £319.99 | £345.99 |
| Sigma AF 18-50mm f3.5-5.6 DC | £82.00 | £99.00 |
| Sigma AF 18-50mm f3.5-5.6 DC + Sigma AF 55-200mm f/4-5.6 DC (for Digital SLRs except EOS 1D, 1Ds) | £179.99 | £212.99 |
| Sigma AF 18-125mm f3.5-5.6 DC SLD | £194.99 | £214.99 |
| Sigma AF 18-200mm f3.5-6.3 DC | £254.99* | £274.99 |
| Sigma AF 20-40mm F2.8 EX DG Ashpherical | £262.99 | £315.99 |
| Sigma AF 24-60mm F2.8 DG EX | £286.99 | £330.99 |
| Sigma 24-70mm f3.5-5.6 HF | £89.99 | £112.98 |
| Sigma AF 24-70mm f2.8 Aspherical EX DG Macro | £294.99 | £349.99 |
| Sigma AF 24-135mm f2.8-4.5 Aspherical IF | £239.99 | £283.99 |
| Sigma 28-70mm f2.8 EX DG | £229.99 | £259.98 |
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| Sigma AF 50-500mm f4-6.3 APO EX DG HSM New | £719.99 | £781.99 |
| Sigma AF 55-200mm f/4-5.6 DC | £107.99 | £123.99 |
| Sigma AF 70-200mm f2.8 APO EX DG HSM New | £599.99 | £643.99 |
| Sigma AF 70-300mm f4-5.6 DG Macro | £109.99 | £126.99 |
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| Sigma AF 80-400mm f4.5-5.6 EX DG APO OS New | £839.99 | £883.99 |
| Sigma 100-300mm f4 EX IF DG APO New | £899.99 | £959.98 |
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| WP DC400 Waterproof Case (1) | £149.00 | £79.00 |
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| WC DC58N Wide Converter (3) | £109.00 | £79.99 |
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| Fuji 64MB Multi Media Card (1) | £29.99 | £10.00 |
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| Soft Case Finepix A series (4) | £14.99 | £6.99 |
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| Soft Case for Finepix A345 | £14.99 | £7.99 |
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| Canon Powershot A530 Ref: 186573 NEW! | £198.99 | 5.0 MP, 3x Zoom, SD |
| Canon Powershot A540 Ref: 186331 NEW! | £248.99 | 6.0 MP, 4x Zoom, SD |
| Canon Powershot A620 Ref: 11927 NEW! | £249.99 | 7.1 MP, 4x Zoom, SD |
| Canon Powershot S80 Ref: 11286 | £399.99 | 8.0 MP, 3.6x Zoom, SD |
| Canon Powershot S3 IS Ref: 186297 NEW! | £448.99 | 6.0 MP, 12x Zoom, SD |

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| Fuji Finepix S3100 Ref: 73461 | £99.99 | 4.0 MP, 6x Zoom, xD |
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| Fuji Finepix S9500 Ref: 73459 | £479.99 | 9.0 MP, 10x Zoom, xD |

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| Nikon Coolpix L2 Ref: 25302 NEW! | £199.99 | 6.0 MP, 3x Zoom,SD |
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| Canon Extension cord Ref: 106760 | £49.99 |
| Canon Transmitter STE-2 Ref: 106899 | £149.99 |
| Canon Transmitter STE-1 Ref: 132966 | £129.99 |

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| Canon RS-80N3 Remote switch Ref: 106831 | £39.99 |
| Canon LC-5 Wireless controller Ref: 135033 | £329.99 |

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| Canon BP-511A Spare battery Ref: 53042 | £34.99 |
| Energizer CA511 Spare battery Ref: 153024 | £27.99 |
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| Canon E-series dioptic adjustment lenses | £5.49 |
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## Lenses - For filter size, match the lens colour & see key above.

### Canon WIDE-ANGLE LENSES
Ideal for indoor shooting.
● = Lens inc.Lens Hood. ● = Lens use 'Drop-in' filters

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| EF 14mm f2.8L | Ref: 19366 | £1459.00 | | | |
| EF 15mm f2.8 | Ref: 19580 | £469.00 | | | |
| EF 20mm f2.8 USM | Ref: 19649 | £329.00 | EW-75II | Ref: 160047 | £42.99 |
| EF 24mm f1.4 L U | Ref: 120380 | £944.00 | EW-83DII | Ref: 126526 | £43.99 |
| EF 24mm f3.5 L TSE | Ref: 17142 | £940.00 | EW-75BII | Ref: 123864 | £17.99 |
| EF 35mm f2 | Ref: 19621 | £186.99 | EW-65II | Ref: 20496 | £17.99 |

### Canon Lens Hoods
Below shows which lens hood is required for each lens.

### Canon STANDARD LENSES Offers a wide maximum aperture.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EF 50mm f1.8 II | Ref: 19958 | £73.00 | ES-62 | Ref: 20796 | £17.99 |
| EF 50mm f1.4 USM | Ref: 19943 | £344.00 | ES-71II | Ref: 20799 | £19.99 |

### Canon MACRO LENSES For close range photography, ie. insects.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EF 50mm f2.5 Macro | Ref: 19998 | £196.00 | | | |
| EF 100mm f2.8 Macro | Ref: 66998 | £389.00 | ET-67 | Ref: 137579 | £24.99 |
| EF 65mm f2.8 Macro MPE | Ref: 152014 | £714.00 | | | |
| EF 180mm f3.5L Macro | Ref: 59034 | £1019.00 | ET-78II | Ref: 100120 | £32.99 |

### Canon TELEPHOTO LENSES Ideal for distance photography, ie. Wildlife.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EF 85mm f1.8 | Ref: 20067 | £269.00 | ET-65III | Ref: 20444 | £17.99 |
| EF 85mm f1.2 L USM | Ref: 20066 | £1249.99 | ES-79II | Ref: 183882 | £39.99 |
| EF 100mm f2 | Ref: 19927 | £314.00 | ET-65III | Ref: 20444 | £17.99 |
| EF 135mm f2 L USM | Ref: 56551 | £719.00 | ET-78II | Ref: 100120 | £32.99 |
| EF 200mm f2.8L II USM | Ref: 19813 | £522.00 | EW-83BII | Ref: 132205 | £32.99 |
| EF 300mm f2.8 L USM IS | Ref: 100562 | £3199.00 | ET-120 | Ref: 183997 | £299.99 |
| EF 300mm f4L USM IS | Ref: 43012 | £924.00 | | | |
| EF 400mm f2.8L USM IS | Ref: 100572 | £5379.00 | ET-155 | Ref: 183904 | £389.99 |
| EF 400mm f4 DO U | Ref: 11357 | £3059.00 | ET-120 | Ref: 183997 | £299.99 |
| EF 500mm f4 L IS USM | Ref: 100884 | £4449.99 | ET-138 | Ref: 183917 | £329.99 |

### Canon ZOOM LENSES Convenient lens with a range of focal lengths.

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| EF 100-400mm f4.5-5.6 | Ref: 124873 | £1099.00 | ET-83C | Ref: 104798 | £43.99 |
| EF 16-35mm f2.8L USM | Ref: 10820 | £999.00 | EW-83E | Ref: 114057 | £24.99 |
| EF 17-40mm f4 L | Ref: 12454 | £544.00 | EW-83E | Ref: 114057 | £24.99 |
| EF 24-70mm f2.8L U | Ref: 156519 | £899.00 | EW-83F | Ref: 133735 | £45.99 |
| EF 28-135mm f3.5-5.6 IS | Ref: 86286 | £335.00 | EW-78BII | Ref: 802722 | £19.99 |
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| EF 24-105mm f4 USM IS | Ref: 44082 | £749.99 | EW-83H | Ref: 183931 | £43.99 |
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| Canon EF 1.4X II Extender | Ref: 19579 | £229.99 |
| Canon EF 2X II Extender | Ref: 19747 | £229.99 |
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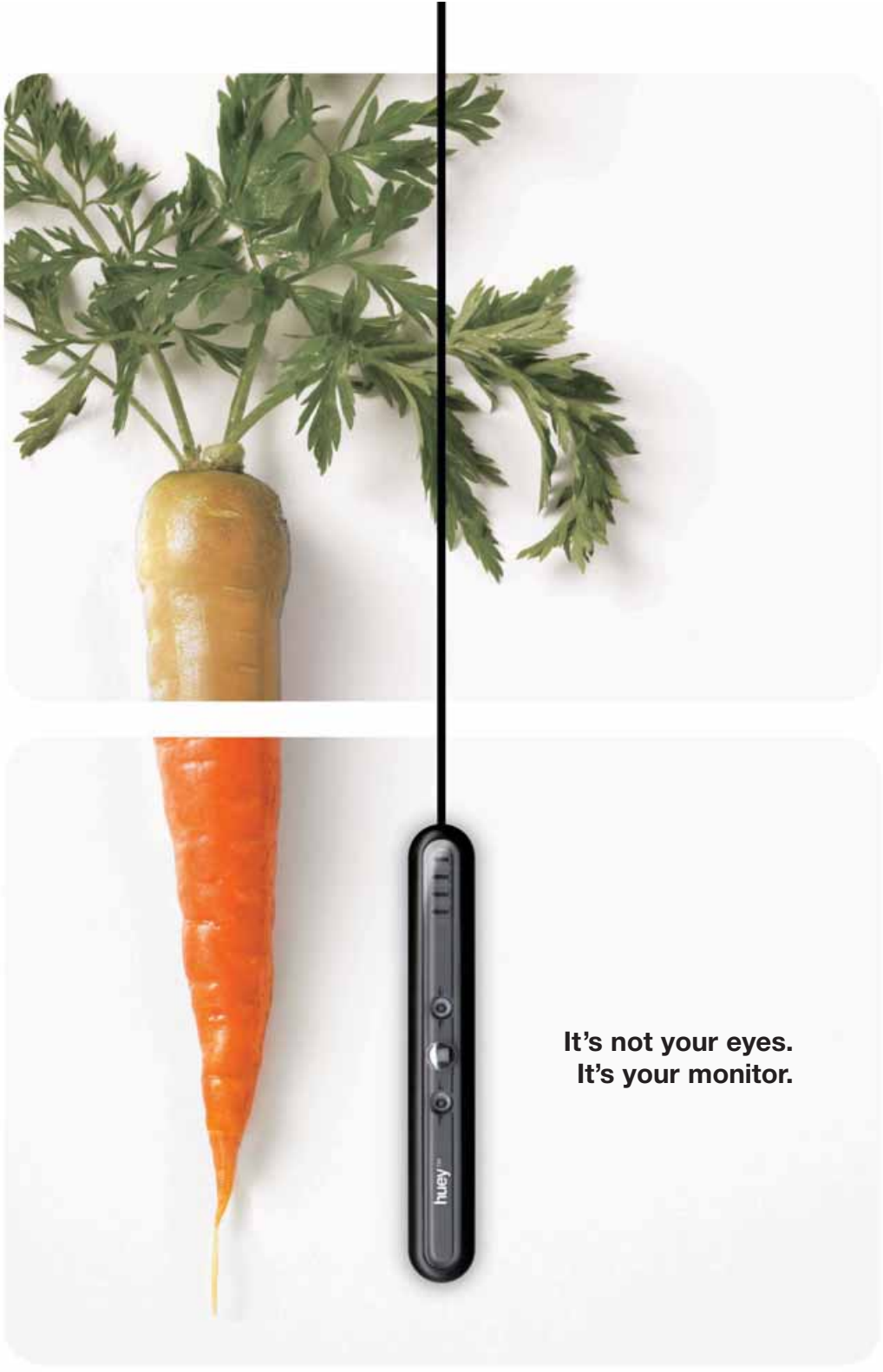


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|---|---|
| 512MB 60x | 25.40 |
| 1GB 60x | 41.90 |
| 2GB 60x | 66.90 |
| 4GB 60x | 129.90 |

**Extreme III CF**

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|---|---|
| 1GB 120x | 47.90 |
| 2GB 120x | 74.90 |
| 4GB 120x | 149.90 |

**Transflash/MicroSD**

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|---|---|
| 128MB | 12.90 |
| 256MB | 14.50 |
| 512MB | 21.90 |

**Mini SD**

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|---|---|
| 256MB | 14.50 |
| 512MB | 21.90 |
| 1GB | 34.90 |
| 2GB | 54.20 |

### LEXAR

**Compactflash**

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|---|---|
| 1GB 133x | 46.90 |
| 2GB 133x | 76.90 |
| 4GB 133x | 148.90 |

**Memory Stick**

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|---|---|
| 512MB PRO DUO | 24.90 |
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**Secure Digital Card**

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|---|---|
| 128MB | 9.90 |
| 256MB | 13.60 |
| 512MB | 18.90 |
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| 1GB 133x | 46.90 |
| 2GB 133x | 79.90 |

**Card Readers**

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|---|---|
| Compactflash USB 2.0 | 10.90 |
| 12in1 USB 2.0 | 17.90 |
| Single Slot Reader | 14.70 |

### SONY

**Sony Memory Stick**

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|---|---|
| 256 MB PRO | 22.30 |
| 512 MB PRO | 32.90 |
| 1GB PRO | 46.90 |
| 512 MB PRO DUO | 32.90 |
| 1GB PRO DUO | 46.90 |
| 2GB PRO DUO | 93.90 |

### Kingston

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| 512MB | 12.99 |
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| 512MB Elite 50x | 17.90 |
| 1GB Elite 50x | 26.90 |
| 2GB Elite 50x | 45.90 |
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| 1GB Elite 50x | 26.90 |
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| 1GB MMC+ | 23.50 |
| 2GB MMC+ | 61.90 |

**USB Pen Drive**

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| 512MB | 16.40 |
| 1GB | 26.90 |

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**Fuji Compact Flash**

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| 256MB 40x | 14.90 |
| 512MB 40x | 23.50 |
| 1GB 40x | 35.90 |

**Fuji xD**

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|---|---|
| 128MB | 9.90 |
| 256MB | 13.25 |
| 512MB | 24.90 |
| 1GB | 46.20 |

### OLYMPUS

**Olympus xD**

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|---|---|
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| 256MB Type H (Hi-Speed) | 20.90 |
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| 1GB Type H (Hi-Speed) | 56.90 |

**Generic Card Readers**

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| Compactflash USB 2.0 | 6.90 |
| Memory Stick | 4.90 |
| Secure Digital | 4.90 |
| Secure Digital USB 2.0 | 6.90 |
| xD Pen Reader | 5.90 |
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| Uniross CR123A | 14.90 |
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| Ansmann Energy 4 (Worldwide) | 29.90 |

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| Encore AA 2300 mAh 4-Pack | 4.90 |
| Uniross AA 2300 mAh 4-Pack | 6.90 |
| Uniross AA 2500 mAh 4-Pack | 7.90 |
| Uniross AAA 900 mAh 4-Pack | 7.90 |
| Uniross CRV3 | 8.90 |
| Uniross CR123A | 9.90 |

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| Datawrite 8x DVD-R Yellow x50 | 8.74 |
| Datawrite Titanium 8x DVD-R Spindle | 9.25 |
| Datawrite Classic 8x DVD+R Spindle | 9.49 |
| Imation CDR 52x 700MB/80min Spindle | 4.90 |

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UP TO £200 | £200 - £300 | £300 - £400 | £400 - £600 | £600 - £7000

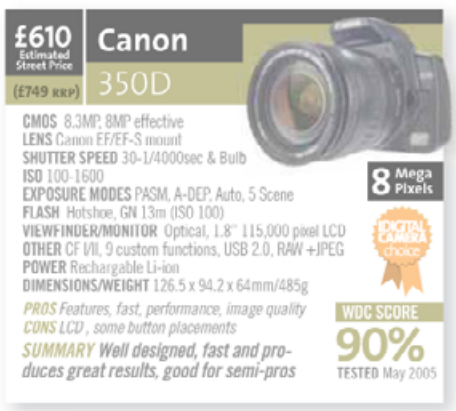
**STREET PRICE**
Estimated street price at time of press. (Prices may vary)

**RRP**
The price at launch. Test rating based on this price

**SPECIFICATION LIST**
The key features you should check when comparing models

**EXPOSURE MODES**
P= Program, A = Aperture priority, S= Shutter priority, M = Manual

**SUMMARY**
A precis of our test verdict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Canon
350D
CMOS 8.3MP, 8MP effective
LENS Canon EF/EF-S mount
SHUTTER SPEED 30-1/4000sec & Bulb
ISO 100-1600
EXPOSURE MODES PASM, A-DEP, Auto, 5 Scene
FLASH Hotshoe, GN 13m (ISO 100)
VIEWFINDER/MONITOR Optical, 1.8" 115,000 pixel LCD
OTHER CF I/II, 9 custom functions, USB 2.0, RAW +JPEG
POWER Rechargable Li-ion
DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT 126.5 x 94.2 x 64mm/485g
8 Mega Pixels
PROS Features, fast, performance, image quality
CONS LCD , some button placements
SUMMARY Well designed, fast and produces great results, good for semi-pros
WDC SCORE
90%
TESTED May 2005

**MAKE AND MODEL**
Cameras are listed in ascending order of price

**SENSOR SIZE**
How many megapixels? A guide to image quality

**AWARDS**
A gold rosette is given for highly recommended models

**OVERALL SCORE**
Total score out of 100, plus date model was tested

## About the Ratings

**RATINGS** Products are rated out of 20 by five criteria which, when combined, provide a mark out of a hundred.

**FEATURES** How well specified is the product? Does it have all the features that you're likely to need?

**DESIGN** Is the design stylish or ugly? Comfortable or awkward? Functional or impractical? Design is about handling as well as looks.

**PERFORMANCE** How does it handle? Are the buttons well placed? Is the menu simple? Is it responsive or sluggish?

**QUALITY** How are the results? Sharp or soft? Is the colour accurate? Do the images suffer from noise, fringing, distortion?

**VALUE** Is it competitively priced? How does it compare with its nearest rivals? Our scores are based upon the retail price at launch (RRP).

In this volatile market prices change almost monthly, and as cameras become cheaper they inevitably become better value. It would be impractical and confusing to change the scores every month, so we include the RRP along with the current average street price. Where there's a big difference it can be assumed that the product is now better value than when it was tested, but also that it may be coming towards the end of its natural shelf life. Highly recommended cameras receive the WDC rosette.

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## £100 Estimated Street Price (£149 RRP) — Nikon 4600

**CCD** 3.9MP effective
**LENS** 34-102mm
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4-1/3000sec
**ISO** Auto
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, Sc, Mov, ±2EV
**FLASH** GN 3.3m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Yes/1.8inch
**OTHER** SD, Best Shot Selector, auto & manual focus, USB
**POWER** 2x AA
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 85 x 60 x 35mm/130g

4 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Simple to use, good price, punchy results
*CONS* Maybe too basic, difficulty resolving fine detail
***SUMMARY*** ***Very basic and easy to use, and produces punchy images***

WDC SCORE **81%** TESTED May 2005

## £120 Estimated Street Price (£179 RRP) — Kodak Z700

**CCD** 4.1MP
**LENS** 35-175 mm f/2.8-4.8
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8-1/1000sec
**ISO** Auto, 80, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, sport, landscape, close-up, 13 Sc
**FLASH** Built in, GN 9.5m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/ 1.6in
**OTHER** Storage SD cards, Pictbridge, ±2.0 EV
**POWER** 2CR-V3, 2x AA
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 94 x 72 x 54.5mm/ 219g

4 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Great specification at a great price
*CONS* A bit lethargic, slightly blocky images
***SUMMARY*** ***Great specifications, however it doesn't quite deliver***

WDC SCORE **82%** TESTED Dec 2005

## £130 Estimated Street Price (£160 RRP) — Sony S600

**CCD** 6MP
**LENS** 31-93mm f2.8-5.1
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/8 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** 80-1000
**EXPOSURE MODES** Program, Auto ±2EV
**FLASH** 4 modes up to 7m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/2in LCD
**OTHER** MS Duo Pro, MPEG VX
**POWER** 2x AA, Sony Stamina supplied
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 99 x 52 x 36.8mm/181mm

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* High ISO 1000, wide lens, reasonable price
*CONS* Noise at ISO 1000, plastic body, chunkiness
***SUMMARY*** ***A middle-of-the-road camera, despite an impressive high ISO***

WDC SCORE **82%** TESTED Apr 2006

## £150 Estimated Street Price (£239 RRP) — Canon A520

**CCD** 4.2MP total, 4.0MP effective
**LENS** 34-140mm f2.6 – 5.5
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** M, A, S, P, 5 pic modes, 8 scene modes
**FLASH** Built in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/1.8in LCD
**OTHER** SD
**POWER** 2x AA cells
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 91 x 64 x 38.5mm/180g

4 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Accomplished performer
*CONS* Could be quicker and quieter
***SUMMARY*** ***Assured performance by a capable camera, producing fine images***

WDC SCORE **86%** TESTED July 2005

## £150 Estimated Street Price (£199 RRP) — HP R717

**CCD** 6.4MP total, 6.2MP effective
**LENS** 39-117mm f2.8-4.9
**SHUTTER SPEED** 16 - 1/2000th sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 320
**EXPOSURE MODES:** Auto, AP, 10 scene modes
**FLASH** Built in 5m (W) 2.8m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/1.8in
**OTHER** SD/MMC, 32MB int, USB, 320x240pixel MPEG1 movies
**POWER** Li-ion battery
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 98.5 x 35.3 x60mm/180g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Ease of use, Real Imaging Technology
*CONS* Limited macro mde, images lack punch
***SUMMARY*** ***Easy to operate, but speed and picture quality are not perfect***

WDC SCORE **83%** TESTED Aug 2005

## £150 Estimated Street Price (£250 RRP) — Olympus MJU Mini S

**CCD** 5.4MP (total) 5MP (Effective)
**LENS** 35-70mm (equiv) f/3.5-4.9
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/2-1/1000sec
**ISO** 64-400 plus auto
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, Sc, Movie
**FLASH** Built-in GN 5.4
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** No viewfinder/1.8in LCD
**OTHER** xD, Histogram, three colours
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 95 x 55.5 x 275mm/115g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Black finish very tactile
*CONS* Images better then expected but not perfect
***SUMMARY*** ***Style over substance, adequate images with some decent features***

WDC SCORE **81%** TESTED July 2005

## £160 Estimated Street Price (£200 RRP) — Samsung L50

**CCD** 5MP effective/5.36MP Total
**LENS** 39-109mm f3.2-5.4
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100,200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, Program, 11 scene
**FLASH** 0.2.5m-2.0m (W) / 0.3-1.5m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD 230,000 pixel
**OTHER** SD, 26MB internal, 30fps movie with stabilizer
**POWER** Lithium-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 93.3 x 52.1 x 22.3mm/120g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* LCD size, lightweight
*CONS* Menu is not very user-friendly
***SUMMARY*** ***Nice point and shoot, producing pleasing photos. Complicated menus***

WDC SCORE **83%** TESTED Dec 2005

## £160 Estimated Street Price (£250 RRP) — Samsung i5

**CCD** 5MP effective, 5.1MP total
**LENS** 39-117mm f3.5 - f4.5
**SHUTTER SPEED** 16 - 1/2000 sec
**ISO** Auto, 100/200/400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, M, 11 Scene
**FLASH** 0.2m - 2.4m (W)/ 0.3-1.9m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None / 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** SD, 30fps video, movie with stabiliser
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 89.6 x 59.8 x 17.3mm/133g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Fast start-up, feature set
*CONS* Over-complicated menu
***SUMMARY*** ***Good looking and well featured, but the menu systems are tricky***

WDC SCORE **82%** TESTED Nov 2005

## £170 Estimated Street Price (£170 RRP) — Casio EX-Z10

**CCD** 5MP total, 5.25MP effective
**LENS** 38-114mm f3.1-5.4
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/8 - 1/2000th sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES:** Auto, M, A, S, 28 Scene modes
**FLASH** 0.4-3.1m (W)/ 0.4-1.8 (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/2in LCD 84,960 pixels
**OTHER** SD, 23Mb int, USB 2.0, 64x480 pixel 30fps movies
**POWER** 2x AA
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 90 x 60 x 27.2mm/138g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Feature set, price
*CONS* Image noise, LCD resolution, menu system
***SUMMARY*** ***Great features for the price, but not very user-friendly***

WDC SCORE **83%** TESTED Feb 2006

## £170 Estimated Street Price (£220 RRP) — Olympus MJU 600

**CCD** 6MP effective/6.4MP Total
**LENS** 35-105mm f3.1-5.2
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4 - 1/1000 sec
**ISO** Auto, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, 23 Scene, movie
**FLASH** Built in, GN 6.5
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** xD, 8MB internal, 640x480 15fps movies
**POWER** Lithium-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 97 x 55 x 26.5mm/140g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* LCD in low light, start-up speed
*CONS* Some soft images, LCD in bright sunlight
***SUMMARY*** ***Attractive, well built, ultimately impressing, but limited manual features***

WDC SCORE **84%** TESTED Dec 2005

## £170 Estimated Street Price (£260 RRP) — Kodak Z740

**CCD** 5.36MP CCD, 5.0MP effective
**LENS** 38-380mm f2.8-3.7
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** Auto plus ISO 80,100, 200, 400, 800
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M, 16 Scene, Mov
**FLASH** Built in GN 10.6
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Electronic/1.8in LCD
**OTHER** SD/MMC, 35MB internal storage, USB and 640 x 480 movie
**POWER** 2x AA, 1x CR-V3 or EasyShare dock with Ni-MH battery pack
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 97.6 x 77.5 x 72mm/287g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* 10x optical zoom, comfortable to hold
*CONS* Fringing, no manual white balance, fiddly joystick
***SUMMARY*** ***Easy to use with plenty of features, some image quality issues***

WDC SCORE **82%** TESTED May 2005

## £170 Estimated Street Price (£230 RRP) — Olympus FE 5500

**CCD** 4.9MP effective, 5.3MP total
**LENS** 35-105mm f/2.8-4.8
**SHUTTER SPEED** 2 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 80, 100, 200, 400, 800 (1.8MP)
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, Scene
**FLASH** 3.5m (W) / 5m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2-inch LCD 115,000 pixels
**OTHER** xD, Pictbridge, 14MB int
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 94 x 61 x 24mm/175g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Easy to use, good for snapshots
*CONS* Uninspiring, fringing, cold colour
***SUMMARY*** ***Average, if uninspiring beginner model with interesting lens construction***

WDC SCORE **82%** TESTED Nov 2005

## £170 Estimated Street Price (£229 RRP) — KonicaMinolta X60

**CCD** 5.4MP total /5.0 MP effective
**LENS** 38-114mm f/3.3 – 4.0
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4-1/1000sec
**ISO** A, 50, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, 6 Scene modes
**FLASH** Built in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2.5in LCD
**OTHER** 15MB internal memory, SD, 3 filters
**POWER** Li-ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 83.5 x 56 x 22mm/115g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Large LCD size, fast startup
*CONS* Limited features, image noise
***SUMMARY*** ***Despite limited features, this is quick, easy to operate and capable***

WDC SCORE **83%** TESTED Sept 2005

## £170 Estimated Street Price (£279 RRP) — Sony W5

**CCD** 5.25MP CCD, 5.1 MP effective
**LENS** 38-114mm f2.8-5.2
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** Auto, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Program, Manual, 7 scene modes
**FLASH** Built in 0.2-4.5 (W) 0.3-2.5 (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/2.5in LCD
**OTHER** MS, MS Pro, 32MB internal
**POWER** Nikon EN-EL8
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 91 x 60 x 37.1mm/253g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* LCD screen, fast operation, sturdy build
*CONS* No separate playback button, less effective in low light
***SUMMARY*** ***Sturdy, quick and produces good images – a family compact***

WDC SCORE **86%** TESTED Aug 2005

## £180 Estimated Street Price (£230 RRP) — Olympus Mju 700

**CCD** 7MP
**LENS** 37-111mm f3.4-5.7
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/2 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, 23 scene modes
**FLASH** GN 7
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2.5in LCD
**OTHER** xD, 640x480 video, Pictbridge, Histogram
**POWER** LI-42B Li-ion battery pack with charger
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 94.8 x 56 x 20.4mm/103g

7 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Lightweight, large LCD, excellent exposures
*CONS* Image shadow noise, slight lens softness
***SUMMARY*** ***A good-looking model, but has some noise which won't affect snappers***

WDC SCORE **88%** TESTED Apr 2006

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## cameras up to £200

### £180 Estimated Street Price (£230 RRP) — Ricoh R1V

**CCD** 5.2MP (total) 5.1MP (Effective)
**LENS** 28-135mm f/3.3-4.8
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** 64-800 plus auto
**EXPOSURE MODES:** P, plus 6 Scene modes
**FLASH** Built-in GN 9m at ISO100
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** 1.8in LCD
**OTHER** 1cm macro focusing, text recording mode
**POWER** 2xAA/Lithium-ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 100 x 55 x 25mm/150g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Build, focal length range, excellent macro
*CONS* Images a bit grainy

WDC SCORE **83%** TESTED May 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Well built, with decent feature set, though image grain is disappointing***

### £180 Estimated Street Price (£280 RRP) — Nikon S1

**CCD** 5.36MP total, 5.0MP effective
**LENS** 35-105mm f/3.0 – f/5.4
**SHUTTER SPEED** 2 - 1/350sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Program, 13 scene, 4 scene assist
**FLASH** Built in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** No viewfinder / 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** SD, 12MB internal
**POWER** Nikon EN-EL8
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 89.9 x 57.5 x 19.mm/118g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Large LCD screen, easy to operate, D-lighting
*CONS* Often tricky macro focusing, eats battery power

WDC SCORE **84%** TESTED July 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Stylish and easy to use with limited features***

### £180 Estimated Street Price (£280 RRP) — Olympus Mju 500

**CCD** 5MP effective
**LENS** 35-105mm f/3.1-5.6
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** 64-640
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, Sc, Mov, ±2EV
**FLASH** GN 7.8
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** xD, PictBridge, 1.5fps for 4 frames
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 99 x 55.5 x 31mm/165g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Build quality, image colour & sharpness, LCD
*CONS* Some image noise, limited control

WDC SCORE **87%** TESTED Apr 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Weatherproof and simple to use, with a great LCD screen***

### £180 Estimated Street Price (£250 RRP) — Sanyo Xacti E6

**CCD** 7MP effective/6.37MP Total
**LENS** 38-114mm f3.3-4.0
**SHUTTER SPEED** 2sec (lamp) - 1/2000sec
**ISO** 50, 100, 200, 400, max 1800 (Lamp)
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, 7 scene modes
**FLASH** 10cm-2.4m (W)/ 50cm-2m(T) GN 5.6
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 3in LCD 230,000 pixels
**OTHER** SD/MMC, 16Mb int, 7 filters, 640x480 30fps movies
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 97.7 x 59.5 x 22.8/134g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Fast startup
*CONS* Noise, lack of shooting info, exposures

WDC SCORE **78%** TESTED Jan 2006

***SUMMARY*** ***Attractive, but rather difficult to use and image noise is a problem***

### £180 Estimated Street Price (£300 RRP) — Samsung V700

**CCD** 7.1MP effective
**LENS** 38-114mm
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15sec - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50,100,200,400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M, Sc, Mov, ±2EV
**FLASH** Built in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Yes/1.8in LCD
**OTHER** SD, Composite mode, Pictbridge, Histogram USB2
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 56.5 x 105 x 29.5mm/150g

7 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Good noise control, plenty of features
*CONS* Difficult to use features effectively, artefacts

WDC SCORE **80%** TESTED May 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Packed with features, tricky to operate and images are over processed***

### £190 Estimated Street Price (£240 RRP) — Panasonic LZ2

**CCD** 5.36MP total, 5MP effective
**LENS** 37-222mm f2.8-4.5
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** 64-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Program, Sc, Mov
**FLASH** Built in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** 2in LCD
**OTHER** SD, Image Stabilisation
**POWER** 2x AA
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 101 x 64 x 33mm/224g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Lens, price, image stabilisation
*CONS* Some image noise, bulkier than most compacts

WDC SCORE **88%** TESTED July 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Fantastic lens and good colour at very reasonable price***

### £190 Estimated Street Price (£299 RRP) — Fujifilm Z1

**CCD** 5.1MP effective
**LENS** 36-108mm f/3.5-8.3
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64-800
**EXPOSURE MODES** P + 5 Scene
**FLASH** Built-in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** 640x480 15fps Video, xD
**POWER** Lithium-ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 90 x 55 x 18.6mm/130g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Design, ease of use, build quality
*CONS* Limited overrides, some lens distortion

WDC SCORE **85%** TESTED Oct 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Attractive, pretty fast and capable of decent pictures***

### £190 Estimated Street Price (£250 RRP) — Fujifilm Z2

**CCD** 5MP
**LENS** 36-108mm f/3.5-4.0
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, Auto, 5 scene modes
**FLASH** 0.3m-3m (W)/ 0.6m-2.3m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** xD, USB 2.0, 640x480 30fps movies
**POWER** Lithium-ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 90 x 55.2 x 18.6mm/130g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* High 1600 ISO, well built, stylish white option
*CONS* Lack of metering, can't zoom in movie mode

WDC SCORE **84%** TESTED Apr 2006

***SUMMARY*** ***Decent point-and-shoot model with good design and nice features***

### £190 Estimated Street Price (£300 RRP) — Panasonic FX8

**CCD** 5MP
**LENS** 35-105mm f/2.8-5.6
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** 80-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Program AE, 12 Sc, Mov
**FLASH** 0.3-4.0m (Wide/ISO Auto), 0.3-2.2m (Tele/ISO Auto)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2.5in LCD
**OTHER** SD, Image Stabilisation (OIS), continuous shooting
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 94.1 x 50.5 x 24.2mm/155g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Mega OIS, LCD, video, simplicity
*CONS* Cramped thumb space, average image quality

WDC SCORE **85%** TESTED Sept 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Competent lifestyle camera with great movie mode and stabilisation***

### £190 Estimated Street Price (£280 RRP) — Nikon P2

**CCD** 5.1MP effective
**LENS** 36-126mm f/2.7-5.2
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, A, 16 Sc
**FLASH** Built-in/GN11
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** SD/MMC, 640x480 15fps Video, USB 2.0
**POWER** EN-EL8 Li-ion rechargeable battery pack
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 91 x 60 x 39 x/185g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Metering, AF, exposure, range of features
*CONS* No optical viewfinder, no storage card

WDC SCORE **85%** TESTED Jan 2006

***SUMMARY*** ***Easy to use, innovative Wi-Fi technology and decent picture quality***

### £190 Estimated Street Price (£299 RRP) — KonicaMinolta Dimage X1

**CCD** Total 8.3MP, Effective 8.0MP
**LENS** 37-111mm f3.5-3.8
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1 - 1/1250sec
**ISO** Auto, 50 -200 (Auto 50-160)
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, 7 Scene modes
**FLASH** Auto plus 5 modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD, 115,000 pixels
**OTHER** 640x480 pixels 30fps, SD
**POWER** Lithium-ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 95 x 68 x 19.5mm/135g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Anti-shake, image size, LCD size
*CONS* Slow in review mode

WDC SCORE **86%** TESTED Nov 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***High resolution, and easy to use with a bundle of features***

### £200 Estimated Street Price (£220 RRP) — Ricoh R30

**CCD** 5.1MP effective
**LENS** 28-160mm f3.3-4.8
**ISO** Auto, 64-800
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/2000sec
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, 8 Scene
**FLASH** 0.2m-2.4m (W) - 1.14-1.85 (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** 320x240 AVI movie, SD/MMC, 28MB internal
**POWER** Lithium ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 95 x 26 x 53mm/135g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* 1cm macro, fast start, battery life, lens
*CONS* Noise in shadow areas, limited controls

WDC SCORE **85%** TESTED Mar 2006

***SUMMARY*** ***Versatile wideangle lens and reasonable price. A good overall package***

### £200 Estimated Street Price (£270 RRP) — HP R818

**CCD** 5.13MP effective
**LENS** 36-180mm f/2.8-4.7
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** M, A, S, P + 11 Scene
**FLASH** Built-in Auto + 4 modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2in LCD
**OTHER** 640x480 30fps Video, SD
**POWER** Lithium ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 93 x 57 x 30mm/190g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Build, features, control balance of buttons & menus
*CONS* Occasionally a little slow

WDC SCORE **86%** TESTED Mar 2006

***SUMMARY*** ***No-nonsense model delivering excellent results with minimal fuss***

### £200 Estimated Street Price (£200 RRP) — BenQ X600

**CCD** 6MP effective
**LENS** 37.5-112.5mm f/2.7-5.2
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64-800
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, 10 Scene
**FLASH** 4 modes, max range 2.7m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** 640x480 30fps Video, SD storage
**POWER** Lithium-ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 85.5 x 53.5 x 19mm/100g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Wide specification
*CONS* Fiddly five-way controller

WDC SCORE **81%** TESTED Mar 2006

***SUMMARY*** ***Reasonably priced, but performance doesn't match the promise***

### £200 Estimated Street Price (£279 RRP) — Casio EX-Z500

**CCD** 5MP effective
**LENS** 36-114mm f/2.7-5.2
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/8 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, + 31 Scene
**FLASH** Built-in auto, 4 modes, max range 2.4m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.7in LCD
**OTHER** 640x480 @ 30fps Video, SD
**POWER** Lithium-ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 88.5 x 57 x 20mm/112g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Attractive, big screen, uncluttered layout
*CONS* LCD colour, some controls in menus

WDC SCORE **83%** TESTED Mar 2006

***SUMMARY*** ***At its best in bright sunlight; results are less pleasing in low light***

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## £200 Estimated Street Price (£299 RRP) — Fujifilm F10

**CCD** 6.63 Total, 6.3MP effective
**LENS** 36-108mm f2.8-5
**SHUTTER SPEED** 3 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** 80-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** Program, Scene, Mov
**FLASH** Built-in, 4m(W) - 6.5m(T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2.5in LCD
**OTHER** xD storage
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 92 x 58 x 27.3mm/200g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Big LCD, handling, low-light performance
*CONS* Little manual control, no RAW

WDC SCORE **87%**

*SUMMARY* **Stylish, responsive, producing excellent images. Good ISO performance**

TESTED June 2005

## £200 Estimated Street Price (£300 RRP) — Pentax WPi

**CCD** Total 6.4MP/ effective 6.1MP
**LENS** 38-114 mm f3.3-4.0
**SHUTTER SPEED** 2sec - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, Auto, 11 scene
**FLASH** 3.1m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2in LCD 115,000 pixels
**OTHER** SD, 10.5MB int, 7 filters, 320x240 fps movie, Water resistant
**POWER** Lithium-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 102 x 51 x 22mm/135g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Waterproof, ease of use, sharpness
*CONS* Image noise, slow continuous drive

WDC SCORE **84%**

*SUMMARY* **A competent camera, offering simple operation and water proofing**

TESTED Feb 2006

## £210 Estimated Street Price (£250 RRP) — Pentax S6

**CCD** Total 6MP, Effective 6.36MP
**LENS** 37.5-112.5mm f/2.7-5.2
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M, 11 Scene, panorama
**FLASH** 15cm-5.1m (W)/ 40cm-2.7m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in 232,000-pixel LCD
**OTHER** SD, 23MB internal, six filters, 640x480 movies
**POWER** Lithium-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 85.5 x 53.5 x 19mm/235g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Lightweight, large LCD, easy to use
*CONS* Slow start-up and focusing, limited features

WDC SCORE **83%**

*SUMMARY* **Well built, but images and performance don't live up to expectations**

TESTED Feb 2006

## £200 Estimated Street Price (£275 RRP) — Olympus IR-300

**CCD** 5MP
**LENS** 38-114mm f3.3-4.0
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4 - 1/2000 sec
**ISO** Auto
**EXPOSURE MODES:** P, plus 17 Scene modes
**FLASH** 0.3m-2.6m (W) 0.5m-2.1m (T) GN 6.0
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2in LCD
**OTHER** xD
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 99 x 53 x 22mm /112g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Lightweight, easy to operate
*CONS* No ISO control, editing features fair, manual on the CD

WDC SCORE **82%**

*SUMMARY* **Takes decent photographs, but overall a very average, overpriced camera**

TESTED Oct 2005

## £200 Estimated Street Price (£299RRP) — Sony P200

**CCD** 7.2MP effective
**LENS** 38-114mm f2.8 – f/5.2
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 – 1/1000th sec
**ISO** Auto, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Program & 9 scene modes
**FLASH** Built in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical / 2in LCD
**OTHER** MS, MS Pro
**POWER** InfoLITHIUM NP-FR1
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 104 x 51.5 x 27.9mm/180g

7 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Fast, good-quality images, build
*CONS* LCD visibility in bright sunlight

WDC SCORE **84%**

*SUMMARY* **Impressively specified in a small body, but images are noisy**

TESTED July 2005

## £210 Estimated Street Price (£329 RRP) — Sony W7

**CCD** 7.4MP total, 7.0MP effective
**LENS** 38-114mm f2.8-5.2
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 100-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, M, 6 scene modes
**FLASH** Built-in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Opt/2.5inch LCD
**OTHER** MS, slot, 32MB internal
**POWER** 2x AA
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 91 x 60 x 37.1mm/ 253g

7 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Great performer all round
*CONS* High-resolution images

WDC SCORE **86%**

*SUMMARY* **Good specs and handling, great images, use a tripod in low light levels**

TESTED July 2005

## £200 Estimated Street Price (£279 RRP) — Casio EX-Z57

**CCD** 5MP
**LENS** 35-105mm, f2.6-4.8
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4sec - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50,100,200,400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, BestShot modes
**FLASH** Built in 0.2-2.6m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2.7in LCD
**OTHER** MS, MS Pro
**POWER** Superlife Rechargeable Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 87 x 58 x 22.5mm/130g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Compact size, BestShot modes, battery life
*CONS* No AV connection, lack of space around back

WDC SCORE **83%**

*SUMMARY* **Not the easiest to operate, but a decent camera with satisfactory results**

TESTED Aug 2005

## £200 Estimated Street Price (£319 RRP) — Canon IXUS iZoom

**CCD** 5.5MP CCD, 5.0 MP effective
**LENS** 38-90mm f/3.2-5.4
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/1600 sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, 'manual', 6 Scene modes
**FLASH** Built in 0.3-2m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None / 1.8in LCD, 118,000 pixels
**OTHER** SD/MMC
**POWER** Lithium-ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 96 x 45 x 24mm / 105g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Compact size, easy to use modes, battery life
*CONS* Limited overrides, limited zoom range

WDC SCORE **79%**

*SUMMARY* **An effective, if not groundbreaking, performance**

TESTED Dec 2005

## £210 Estimated Street Price (£300 RRP) — Kodak V550

**CCD** Total 5.36MP, Effective 5.0MP
**LENS** 36-108mm
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/1448sec
**ISO** Auto, 80-800
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto + 20 Scene modes, video
**FLASH** Built in, 2.6-6m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** OPT/ 2.5in LCD, 230,000 pixels
**OTHER** SD card plus 32MB internal, camera dock
**POWER** Lithium-ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 94 x 56 x 22mm/143g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Simple, good images
*CONS* Video zoom noise, can't disable digital zoom

WDC SCORE **85%**

*SUMMARY* **Smart, simple and effective, video mode is disappointing**

TESTED Special 05

## £200 Estimated Street Price (£320 RRP) — Nikon S2

**CCD** 5.1MP effective
**LENS** 35-105mm f/3-5.4
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, 15 Sc, Mov
**FLASH** 0.3-2.5m (Wide/ISO Auto), 0.3-1.4m(Tele/ISO Auto)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in
**OTHER** SD, all weather, USB camera dock
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 91.9 x 59 x 22mm/140g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Good front design, good scene modes, all-weather
*CONS* Cramped back, corner sharpness, lens distortion

WDC SCORE **80%**

*SUMMARY* **Looks great, but let down by image quality and handling issues**

TESTED Sept 2005

## £210 Estimated Street Price (£280 RRP) — Fujifilm S5600

**CCD** Total 5.2MP, Effective 5.1MP
**LENS** 38-380mm f3.2-3.5
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, + 18 scene, ±2EV
**FLASH** Built-in, Auto plus 3 modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF/ 2inch 115,000-pixel LCD
**OTHER** 640x480 15fps Video, xD
**POWER** 4x AA
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 88 x 60 x 36.5mm/150g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Image quality, handling
*CONS* Oversharpening, no stabilisation

WDC SCORE **86%**

*SUMMARY* **Has good handling and performance, and it's easy-to-use too**

TESTED Special 05

## £220 Estimated Street Price (£280 RRP) — Casio S600

**CCD** 6MP
**LENS** 38-114mm f2.7-5.2
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4 - 1/2000 sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, 32 scene modes
**FLASH** 0.4-2.8m (W)/ 0.4-1.4m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD, 84,960 pixels
**OTHER** SD card, USB 2.0, 8.3MB internal memory
**POWER** Lithium-ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 90 x 59 x 16.1mm/115g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Compact dimensions, build quality
*CONS* Some commands hidden in menu; macro mode

WDC SCORE **83%**

*SUMMARY* **Suits those who want small and compact rather than a serious tool**

TESTED Apr 2006

## £200 Estimated Street Price (£250 RRP) — HP R817

**CCD** 5.31MP total, 5.1MP effective
**LENS** 36-180mm
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15-1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** M, A, S, P, Auto, Scene
**FLASH** 3.8-8m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2inch 153,000 pixels
**OTHER** Real Life Technologies, SD, JPEG, PictBridge
**POWER** Li-ion battery
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 91 x 30 x 57mm/ 190g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Good feature set, easy to use, value for money
*CONS* ISO 200+ noise, video mode, spoilable finish

WDC SCORE **86%**

*SUMMARY* **Specifications and features make it attractive for the first-time buyer**

TESTED Nov 2005

## £210 Estimated Street Price (£300 RRP) — Nikon S3

**CCD** Total 6.4MP, Effective 6.0MP
**LENS** 35-105mm f/3-5.4
**SHUTTER SPEED** 2 - 1/350sec
**ISO** Auto, 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, 16 scene
**FLASH** Built-in, Auto plus 3 modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5inch LCD, 110,000 pixels
**OTHER** 640x480 Video, SD, 12MB internal memory
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 90 x 57.5 x 19.5mm/118g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Colour rendition
*CONS* Some barrel distortion

WDC SCORE **82%**

*SUMMARY* **Great looking and capable of good pictures with little user interference**

TESTED Feb 2006

## £220 Estimated Street Price (£280 RRP) — Sony T5

**CCD** 5.1MP effective
**LENS** 38-114mm f3.5-4.5
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/8 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** 64-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, Scene modes, Mov
**FLASH** Built in, GN8
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Opt/2.5in LCD
**OTHER** Memory Stick Duo, 680x480 30fps movies, USB 2.0
**POWER** Lithium-ion rechargeable battery pack
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 93.6 x 60 x 20.3mm/114g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Good image quality, metering and AF, styling
*CONS* No optical viewfinder, slow menus, basic controls

WDC SCORE **86%**

*SUMMARY* **Attractive, compact and capable of producing great pictures**

TESTED Jan 2006

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# THE BUYERS' GUIDE

## cameras £200 - £300

### £220 Estimated Street Price (£330 RRP) — Casio EX-Z750

**CCD** 7.4MP total, 7.2MP effective
**LENS** 38-114mm f/2.8-5.1
**SHUTTER SPEED** 60 - 1/6000sec
**ISO** 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Snapshot, M, A, S, 30 scene
**FLASH** Built-in GN8
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** OPT/2.5in LCD
**OTHER** SD
**POWER** Li-Ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 89 x 58.5 x 22.5mm/ 127g

7 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Movie modes, scene modes
*CONS* LCD, Colour accuracy, images no better than 5MP

WDC SCORE **82%**

*SUMMARY* **Good movie and scene modes, extra pixels contribute little**

TESTED July 2005

### £220 Estimated Street Price (£299 RRP) — Olympus Mju 800

**CCD** Total 8.3MP, Effective 8.0MP
**LENS** 38-114mm f/2.8-4.9
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S + 19 scene
**FLASH** Built-in, Auto plus 3 modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** 640x480 15fps Video, xD card and 19MB int
**POWER** Lithium-ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 103 x 58 x 33mm/181.5g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Image quality, LCD screen, build quality
*CONS* Left-hand backplate button visibility in bright sun

WDC SCORE **86%**

*SUMMARY* **Good looking camera, producing high-quality images**

TESTED Oct 2005

### £220 Estimated Street Price (£319 RRP) — Canon A620

**CCD** 7.1MP effective/7.4MP Total
**LENS** 35-140mm f2.8-4.1
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/2500sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, A, S, M, Cust, 11 scene
**FLASH** 45cm-4.2m (W)/ 3m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** OPT/2.0in TFT 115,000 pixels
**OTHER** SD/MMC, My Colours 640x480 30fps movies
**POWER** 4xAA
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 104.8 x 66 x 49.1mm/235g

7 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Wide range of features, easy to use
*CONS* AiAF not always accurate

WDC SCORE **88%**

*SUMMARY* **With features suitable for both novices and enthusiasts, this is great value**

TESTED Jan 2006

### £230 Estimated Street Price (£320 RRP) — Nikon 7900

**CCD** 7.41MP CCD, 7.1MP effective
**LENS** 38-114mm f2.8-4.9
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Program, scene modes, ±2 EV
**FLASH** Built in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/2in LCD
**OTHER** SD, JPEG, 3 metering modes, D-Light, red-eye removal
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 88 x 60 x 36.5mm/150g

7 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Small, high resolution, good image noise control
*CONS* Image detail and sharpening, AF

WDC SCORE **83%**

*SUMMARY* **Contains innovative features, but produces overprocessed images**

TESTED June 2005

### £230 Estimated Street Price (£299 RRP) — Canon Ixus 55

**CCD** 5.0MP effective
**LENS** 35-105mm f2.8-4.9
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/1500sec
**ISO** Auto, 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Two Auto, 9 scene
**FLASH** Built-in, Auto and four modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/2.5in TFT, 115,000 pixels
**OTHER** SD, 640x480 30fps movies
**POWER** Lithium-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 86 x 53 x 21.5mm/140g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Features, handling, speed of operation
*CONS* Noisy images, sharpness, erratic focusing

WDC SCORE **83%**

*SUMMARY* **Attractive and competent, if not a spectacular performer**

TESTED Feb 2006

### £230 Estimated Street Price (£350 RRP) — Panasonic FX9

**CCD** 6MP effective/6.37MP Total
**LENS** 35-105mm f2.8-5.0
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 80, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, 14 Scene
**FLASH** 0.3-4m (W) 0.3-2.2 (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD 207,000 pixels
**OTHER** SD, 30fps movie
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 94.1 x 50.5 x 24.2mm/155g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* LCD, anti-shake
*CONS* Limited space around back

WDC SCORE **86%**

*SUMMARY* **Great LCD, fast performer, producing good-quality pictures and movies**

TESTED Dec 2005

### £230 Estimated Street Price (£300 RRP) — Olympus SP-500UZ

**CCD** Total 6.37MP, Effective 6.0MP
**LENS** 38-380mm f/2.8-3.7
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** Auto, 80, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** M, A, S, P, Auto, 21 Scene
**FLASH** 0.3m - 4.5m (W) 1.2m-3.4 T, GN9
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF 201,600pixel/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** 320x240 30fps Video, 10MB internal, xD
**POWER** 4x AA
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 105.5 x 74.5 x 71mm/285g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* RAW, Good functionality, LCD and EVF
*CONS* Fringing, some oversharpening and image noise

WDC SCORE **86%**

*SUMMARY* **Competent and useful, this is a viable backup to a DSLR**

TESTED Dec 2005

### £240 Estimated Street Price (£270 RRP) — Kodak V570

**CCD** Dual 5MP CCD
**LENS** 23mm f2.8, 39-117mm f3.9-4.4
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/8 - 1/4000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64-160
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, landscape, macro + 20 scene
**FLASH** Built-in, Auto + 4 modes, GN 6.3
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2.5in LCD
**OTHER** 640x480 30fps Video, SD
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 101 x 49 x 20mm/125g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Flexible optical system, speed, aesthetics
*CONS* Limited ISO range, camera shake warnings

WDC SCORE **86%**

*SUMMARY* **Good look, capable of great shots, lacks ISO range and user overrides**

TESTED Mar 2006

### £240 Estimated Street Price (£300 RRP) — Fujifilm F11 Zoom

**CCD** 6.3MP
**LENS** 36-108mm f/2.8-5.0
**SHUTTER SPEED** 3 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 80, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, SP, AP, Auto, 5 Scene
**FLASH** 0.3-6.5m (W) 0.3-4m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2.5in LCD
**OTHER** USB 2.0, 640x480 30fps movie, xD
**POWER** Lithium-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 92 x 58.2 x 27.3mm/155g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* High ISO, control over aperture and shutter
*CONS* Occasional fringing and standard zoom range

WDC SCORE **89%**

*SUMMARY* **A super compact, attractive, great features and good performer**

TESTED Mar 2006

### £240 Estimated Street Price (£310 RRP) — Olympus SP-350

**CCD** Total 8.3MP, Effective 8MP
**LENS** 38-114mm f/2.8-4.9
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 80, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, M, A, S, P, 14 scene
**FLASH** Built in, Auto and four modes, hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/2.5in LCD 115,000 pixels
**OTHER** 640x480 30fps Video, xD
**POWER** 2x AA, CRV-3 Lithium
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 99.5 x 65 x 35mm/180g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Sturdy, natural colours, accurate exposures
*CONS* Camera shake, results at maximum resolution

WDC SCORE **86%**

*SUMMARY* **Good handling and performance; 8MP results can be disappointing**

TESTED Feb 2006

### £240 Estimated Street Price (£330 RRP) — Ricoh R3

**CCD** 5.25MP total, 5.13MP effective
**LENS** 28-200mm f/3.3-4.8
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64-800
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto plus 8 Scene
**FLASH** Built-in, Auto plus 3 modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** 2.5in 114,000 pixel LCD
**OTHER** 320x240 30fps Video, SD + 26MB Internal
**POWER** Li-Ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 95 x 53 x 26mm/135g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Lots of useful features, great lens
*CONS* Some barrel distortion at 28mm, AF reticence

WDC SCORE **87%**

*SUMMARY* **Fast, flexible with a superb zoom range and image stabilisation**

TESTED Jan 2006

### £250 Estimated Street Price (£349 RRP) — Sony T7

**CCD** 5.1MP effective
**LENS** 38-114mm f3.5-4.4
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/8 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** 64-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, Scene modes, Mov
**FLASH** Built in 0.1-2.6, Tele: 0.5-2.1
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Opt/2.5in LCD
**OTHER** Memory Stick Duo, MPEG 1, Pict Bridge, USB 2.0
**POWER** Info Lithium
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 91.7 x 60.2 x 14.7mm/114g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Good image quality, good looks
*CONS* Poor documentation, small and fiddly

WDC SCORE **80%**

*SUMMARY* **Competent performer, but fiddly to operate and needs a decent manual**

TESTED Aug 2005

### £250 Estimated Street Price (£330 RRP) — Sony T9

**CCD** 6MP
**LENS** 38-114mm f3.5-4.3
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** Auto, 80-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P + 10 scene
**FLASH** Built-in, Auto plus 3 modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2.5in 230,600 pixel LCD
**OTHER** 640x480 @30fps Video, MS Duo PRO
**POWER** Li-Ion cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 90 x 55 x 20.5mm/160g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Slim,fuss-free, excellent AF and exposures
*CONS* Confusing menu; lens cover can open too easily

WDC SCORE **83%**

*SUMMARY* **A stylish point and shooter, with bags of style and decent image quality**

TESTED Apr 2006

### £250 Estimated Street Price (£350 RRP) — Panasonic FZ5

**CCD** 5.0MP effective
**LENS** 36-432mm f/2.8-3.3
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** Auto plus ISO 80,100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P,A,S,M, nine Scene & macro, Mov
**FLASH** Built-in flash, GN12.6m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF/1.8in LCD
**OTHER** SD/MMC, movie with sound at 320x240 pixels, 30 10 15fps
**POWER** 8.4V 680mAh Lithium Ion rechargeable cell
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 108 x 68.4 x 84.8mm /290g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Great zoom range, excellent lens
*CONS* Noise in low light

WDC SCORE **85%**

*SUMMARY* **One of the best megazoom cameras around, producing good results**

TESTED May 2005

### £250 Estimated Street Price (£350 RRP) — KonicaMinolta Z6

**CCD** 6MP eff/6.4MP total
**LENS** 35-420mm f/2.8-4.5
**SHUTTER SPEED** 4 - 1/1000 sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 320
**EXPOSURE MODES** AP, M, SP, Auto, 5 scene
**FLASH** ISO 100 equ 8m/26.2 ft
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Electronic/2in TFT, 114,000 pixels
**OTHER** 320x240movie, 4 colour modes, 1cm super macro, SD
**POWER** 4x AA cells
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 108.5 x 80 x 84mm/340g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Fast operation, lens
*CONS* Some components weak, LCD in bright light

WDC SCORE **85%**

*SUMMARY* **Packed with features, producing good results. Recommended**

TESTED Nov 2005

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## £260 Estimated Street Price (£329 RRP) — Nikon S4

**CCD** 6.0MP effective
**LENS** 38-380mm f3.5
**SHUTTER SPEED** 2 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, 16 scene modes
**FLASH** 3.0m/10ft
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** Pictbridge, USB 2.0, SD cards, 13MB internal
**POWER** 2x Ni-MH AA (supplied), or 2x AA alkaline
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 111.5 x 68.5 x 37mm/205g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Size, zoom range, image quality, performance
*CONS* No image stabilisation, no manual control

WDC SCORE 88%

***SUMMARY*** ***Great lens on small body, well made, good handing and image quality***

TESTED Special 05

## £280 Estimated Street Price (£419 RRP) — Canon IXUS 750

**CCD** 7.1MP effective/7.4MP Total
**LENS** 37-111mm f2.8-4.9
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/2000 sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P (manual), Auto, 9 Sc
**FLASH** 50cm-5m (W)/ 3m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/ 2.5in LCD, 115,000 pixels
**OTHER** SD/MMC, 5 photo effects, My colours, 640x480 30fps Mov
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 89.5 x 57 x 27.4mm/170g

7 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Fast operation, build
*CONS* Limited manual features, some fragile parts

WDC SCORE 85%

***SUMMARY*** ***Fast, well-built point and shoot, but limited feature set***

TESTED Special 05

## £280 Estimated Street Price (£300 RRP) — Ricoh GX8

**CCD** 8.5MP Total, 8.2MP effective
**LENS** 28-85mm f2.5-4.34
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** 60-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, A, M, six Scene
**FLASH** Built-in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** OPT/1.8in
**OTHER** SD slot
**POWER** 2xAA
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 113.6 x 58 x 29mm/205g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Lens, build, features
*CONS* Power consumption, LCD colour cast

WDC SCORE 81%

***SUMMARY*** ***Good lens, features and build. But it is power hungry and the LCD is poor***

TESTED Aug 2005

## £280 Estimated Street Price (£350RRP) — Kodak P850

**CCD** 5.1MP effective/5.25MP total
**LENS** 36-432mm f/2.8-3.7
**SHUTTER SPEED** 16 - 1/1000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50,64,80,100,125,200,250,320,400,800
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, M, A, S, P, 3 Custom
**FLASH** GN11 90cm-4.7m(W)/ 2m-3.6 (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Electronic/2.5-inch 237,000 pixels
**OTHER** 640x480 30fps movies, RAW, Tiff, SD/MMC, 32MB internal
**POWER** Lithium-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 108 x 84.3 x 72mm /403g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Features, ISO settings, lens
*CONS* No AF lamp, slow processing, noise at high ISO

WDC SCORE 81%

***SUMMARY*** ***Great features and lens, but speed and handling can't match a DSLR***

TESTED Feb 2006

## £290 Estimated Street Price (£390 RRP) — Canon Ixus WIFI

**CCD** 5.0MP
**LENS** 35-105mm f/2.8-4.9
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/15000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P + 10 scene
**FLASH** Built-in, Auto plus 4 modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/2in 118,000 pixel LCD
**OTHER** 640x480 @30fps Video, SD, WiFi
**POWER** Lithium-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 99 x 54.5 x 21.5mm/130g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Fast wireless printing, broad spec, IXUS style
*CONS* Wifi downloading only works with XP

WDC SCORE 83%

***SUMMARY*** ***Nice enough camera but the Wireless has limited benefits***

TESTED Apr 2006

## £300 Estimated Street Price (£349 RRP) — Panasonic FZ7

**CCD** 6.0MP
**LENS** 36-432mm f2.8-3.3
**SHUTTER SPEED** 60 – 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 80-400, (High Sens 800, 1600)
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P,A,S,M, 16 sc
**FLASH** 0.3m – 6m (W) 0.3m - 5.4m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Electronic/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** SD/MMC, 16:9 30fps movie 16:9 JPEG
**POWER** Lithium-ion
**DiMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 112.5 x 72.2 x 79mm/310g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Lens, OIS, manual focus
*CONS* No RAW, noise from ISO 400, limited control

WDC SCORE 86%

***SUMMARY*** ***An improvement on previous models with some good features***

TESTED Apr 2006

## £300 Estimated Street Price (£280 RRP) — Fujifilm E900

**CCD** 9.0MP effective/Total 9.24MP
**LENS** 32-128mm f2.8-5.6
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 80-800
**EXPOSURE MODES** M, A, S, P + Auto + 4 Scene modes
**FLASH** Built-in, Auto, plus 3 modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** OPT/2in
**OTHER** 640x480 pixel 30fps video, xD
**POWER** 2x AA cells
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 106 x 63 x 34.5mm/200g

9 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Fantastic spec, great user control
*CONS* 9MP results not much better than 5MP

WDC SCORE 85%

***SUMMARY*** ***Good specification and value for money, but do we really need 9MP?***

TESTED Jan 2006

## £320 Estimated Street Price (£469 RRP) — Canon S2 IS

**CCD** 5.0MP effective
**LENS** 38-432mm f2.8-3.1
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/3200sec
**ISO** 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M, Auto, plus 6 Scene modes
**FLASH** Built-in pop-up
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF / 1.8inch LCD
**OTHER** SD, Flexizone focus, Image Stabilisation
**POWER** 4x AA
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 113 x 78 x 75.5mm/405g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Good AF, Image stabiliser ideal for 12x zoom
*CONS* Bit bulky, bit pricey, only saves to JPEG

WDC SCORE 81%

***SUMMARY*** ***Fast, good metering, focusing and stabilisation. Often unusual fringing***

TESTED Aug 2005

## £340 Estimated Street Price (£450 RRP) — Panasonic LX1

**CCD** 8.61MP total, 8.4MP effective
**LENS** 28-112mm f2.8-4.9
**SHUTTER SPEED** 60 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 80-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** M, A, S, P, plus 14 Scene
**FLASH** Auto, plus 6
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/2.5in TFT, 207,000 pixels
**OTHER** 848x480 30fps movie, SD, Jpeg, RAW, TIFF
**POWER** Lithium-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 106 x 56 x 25.5mm/185g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Fully featured, unique CCD format
*CONS* Noise can be an issue over ISO 100, expensive

WDC SCORE 85%

***SUMMARY*** ***Full specifications with simple handling, nice design and good build***

TESTED Nov 2005

## £340 Estimated Street Price (£450 RRP) — Kodak P880

**CCD** Total 8.1MP, Effective 8.0MP
**LENS** 24-140mm f/2.8-4.1
**SHUTTER SPEED** 16-1/4000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** M, A, S, P, 3 PIC + 8 scene
**FLASH** Built-in, Auto plus 3 modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF/ 2inch 115,000 pixel LCD
**OTHER** 640x480 15fps Video, xD, 13MB internal
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 88 x 60 x 36.5mm/150g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Great spec, useful focal lengths, high resolution
*CONS* Handling, noise in flat tonal areas even at ISO 50

WDC SCORE 83%

***SUMMARY*** ***Great specification and price point, producing rather ordinary images***

TESTED Special 05

## £350 Estimated Street Price (£500 RRP) — Canon S80

**CCD** 8.0 MP effective, 8.3MP total
**LENS** 28-100mm
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P,A,S,M, Sc, Mov
**FLASH** 4.2m(W) 2m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** OPT/ 2.5in, 115,000 pixels
**OTHER** SD
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 104 x 57 x 39mm/290g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Interface, images, features
*CONS* No Raw, price

WDC SCORE 90%

***SUMMARY*** ***Great handling and picture quality, ideal for the advanced enthusiast***

TESTED Jan 2006

## £360 Estimated Street Price (£550 RRP) — Nikon D50

**CCD** 6.24MP/6.1MP effective
**LENS** Interchangeable
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/4000sec, Bulb
**ISO** 200-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, A, S, M, Sc
**FLASH** GN 15m (ISO200), hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Opt/2in LCD
**OTHER** SD, 3 Colour space, Pictbridge, USB 2.0
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 133 x 102 x 76mm/540g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Simple, image quality, design & build, price
*CONS* Lacks some features such as PC socket

WDC SCORE 87%

***SUMMARY*** ***Controls are stripped back, but it is easy to use and fast at a good price***

TESTED Aug 2005

## £380 Estimated Street Price (£550 RRP) — Panasonic FZ30

**CCD** 8MP effective, 8.3MP total
**LENS** 35-420mm, f/2.8-3.7
**SHUTTER SPEED** 60 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** 80-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, A, S, M, plus 14 Sc
**FLASH** GN 7 (auto) hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF/2in LCD 230,000 pixels
**OTHER** SD, Pictbridge, USB 2.0, Mega OIS, RAW
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 141 x 86 x 138mm/740g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Features, handling, EVF, good images possible
*CONS* Noise at high ISO, camera shake, RAW conversion

WDC SCORE 85%

***SUMMARY*** ***Good features and spec, however it suffers from noise at ISO 200***

TESTED Nov 2005

## £380 Estimated Street Price (£500 RRP) — Fujifilm S9500

**CCD** 9.2MP Total, 9MP effective
**LENS** 28-300mm f/2.8-4.9
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/4 - 1/4000sec
**ISO** 80-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, M, A, S, P + 5 Scene, Mov
**FLASH** Built-in/hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF /1.8in 235,000 pixel LCD
**OTHER** xD and CF I & II slots
**POWER** 4x AA
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 128 x 93 x 129mm/645g

9 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Low image noise, good features
*CONS* Some quirky handling, expensive

WDC SCORE 86%

***SUMMARY*** ***Minor quirks aside, a good camera producing images with little noise***

TESTED Dec 2005

## £399 Estimated Street Price (£399 RRP) — Ricoh GR Digital

**CCD** Total 8.3MP, Effective 8.13MP
**LENS** 28mm f/2.4
**SHUTTER SPEED** 180-1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 64-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, M, A, P, + 2 Scene
**FLASH** Built-in, Auto plus 5 modes, hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Hotshoe-based optical/ 2in LCD
**OTHER** 320x240 Video, SD
**POWER** Li-ion/ 2xAAA cells
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 107 x 58 x 25mm/170g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Great spec, excellent lens, user-adaptable control
*CONS* Lack of sharpness in 100% JPEGs, some noise

WDC SCORE 87%

***SUMMARY*** ***A unique camera, with a great lens, best results in RAW mode***

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### Camera dealers' hot offers

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"We have three great deals for WDC readers, on mention of Word on the Street. **1**. Canon Digital IXUS I Zoom, in Jet Black, only £149.99. **2**. Ricoh R4 Black + free SC60 case + free 256MB card at £249.99. **3.** HP Photosmart 422 Portable Photo Studio (includes M415 camera and 420 printer dock). Was £249.99, now only £119.99."

cameraWORLD

**www.cameraworld.com**
**020 7436 2553**

"Here's a great deal: the Konica Minolta Dimage Z20, with 5MPs, 8x optical zoom (36-290mm equiv), ultra fast response, 1cm macro, long battery life and more, in a stylish body for just £149.99. We've put together a bundle including the camera, a 512MB SD card, batteries and charger plus the Konica Minolta custom case for only £199.99."

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**www.buyacamera.co.uk**
**01257 426054**

"Buyacamera.co.uk are offering readers of What Digital Camera the chance to buy the 1Gb Sandisk Extreme 3 card in either SecureDigital or Compact Flash versions for £49.99, saving £30 off RRP."

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"As an authorised Kingston retailer, Picstop is able to offer very competitive pricing. This month we have significant price reductions on all Kingston memory cards. Kingston Elite 1GB Secure Digital cards are now only £26.90 and the 100x Speed Ultimate 1GB Compact Flash cards are now only £34.90."

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**£400** Estimated Street Price (£400 RRP)

## Kodak Easyshare1

**CCD** 4.23MP total, 4.0MP effective
**LENS** 36-108mm f2.8-4.8
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/2 - 1/448sec
**ISO** Auto, 80, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, 16 scene modes
**FLASH** 0.6-3.2m (W) 0.6-2.3m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 3in LCD
**OTHER** SD/MMC, 256MB internal, 640 x 480 movie clips
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 103 x 63 x 26mm/225g

4 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Big LCD, touch screen, internal memory, WiFi
*CONS* Battery consumption, lack of manual control
***SUMMARY*** ***Innovative, great for sharing pictures, but pictures are only average***

WDC SCORE **82%** TESTED Dec 2005

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**£440** Estimated Street Price (£650 RRP)

## Nikon 8400

**CCD** 8MP effective
**LENS** 24-85mm
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/3000sec
**ISO** 50-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M, Sc, ±2EV, Mov
**FLASH** Built-in/hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF /1.8in LCD
**OTHER** CF, swivel LCD, 2.3fps over five frames, RAW, TIFF, JPEG
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 113.6 x 82.5 x 75mm/400g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* 24mm lens, functional, build quality
*CONS* Some fringing & noise, overly complicated menus
***SUMMARY*** ***A marked improvement on some recent Nikon cameras, very nice***

WDC SCORE **89%** TESTED Jan 2005

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**£440** Estimated Street Price (£550 RRP)

## Samsung Pro 815

**CCD** 8.0MP effective, 8.3MP total
**LENS** 28-420mm f/2.2-4.6
**SHUTTER SPEED** 15 - 1/4000sec
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, A, S, M, 2 Custom, 11 Scene
**FLASH** 0.7-6.0m (W), 1.5-30m (T)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF 235,000pixels/3.5in 235,000pxls
**OTHER** CF I/II, Adobe RGB, sRGB, USB2, Pictbridge, 16:9 shooting
**POWER** Li-ion SLB-1974
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 135.5 x 87 x 78.6mm/870.5g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* LCD, versatile lens
*CONS* Noise levels, fringing, no optical image stabiliser
***SUMMARY*** ***Great lens and advanced features, capable of producing good pics***

WDC SCORE **85%** TESTED Special 05

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**£450** Estimated Street Price (£600 RRP)

## KonicaMinolta Dynax 5D

**CCD** 6.3MP, 6.1MP effective
**LENS** Minolta A mount
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/4000sec & Bulb
**ISO** 100-3200
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, A, S, M, Sc
**FLASH** GN 15m (ISO200), hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical, 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** CF 1/II, 3 Colour space, Pictbridge, USB2, AntiShake CCD
**POWER** Rechargeable Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 130.5 x 92.5 x 66.5mm/590g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Anti-shake, white balance, ISO range, size
*CONS* Issues with high-contrast scenes in scene modes
***SUMMARY*** ***A technically advanced but surprisingly simple well-designed camera***

WDC SCORE **89%** TESTED Oct 2005

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**£480** Estimated Street Price (£550 RRP)

## Pentax *iST DL

**CCD** 6.31MP, 6.1MP effective
**LENS** Interchangeable
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/4000sec, Bulb
**ISO** 200-3200
**EXPOSURE MODES** P,A,S,M, Auto, 7 PICT modes
**FLASH** Pop-up and TTL hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** TTL Optical via Penta mirror/2.5in
**OTHER** SD storage, RAW, JPEG
**POWER** Four AA or 2 CRV-3
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 125 x 92.5 x 67mm/470g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Simple to use, great results
*CONS* RAW processing software is limited
***SUMMARY*** ***Impressive results, positive handling and good build quality***

WDC SCORE **89%** TESTED Sept 2005

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**£500** Estimated Street Price (£600 RRP)

## Olympus E-500

**CMOS** 8.89MP total, 8MP effective
**LENS** FourThirds mount
**SHUTTER SPEED** 60-1/4000sec & Bulb
**ISO** 100-400 boost up to 1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M, 15 Scene modes
**FLASH** Pop-up GN13, hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** CF I/II, xD, USB2.0, sRGB and Adobe RGB
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 129.5 x 94.5 x 66mm/435g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Feature packed, price, image quality
*CONS* Fiddly button positions, no dedicated DOF button
***SUMMARY*** ***Something for everyone, packs a lot into a small body for a good price***

WDC SCORE **89%** TESTED Special 05

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**£530** Estimated Street Price (£1100 RRP)

## Sigma SD10

**CCD** 3.4MP x 3 Foveon (10.2MP total)
**LENS** Sigma SA bayonet mount
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/6000sec & Bulb
**ISO** 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M
**FLASH** No
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical TTL/ 1.8in LCD
**OTHER** RAW recording only, CF
**POWER** 4xAA or 2xCR-V3
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 152 x 120 x 79mm/950g

3 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Image quality, price, lens range
*CONS* RAW only, software clunky, no PC socket
***SUMMARY*** ***If you can handle the manual processing, it does the job for a good price***

WDC SCORE **83%** TESTED Jan 2004

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**£530** Estimated Street Price (£749 RRP)

## Canon 350D

**CMOS** 8.3MP, 8MP effective
**LENS** Canon EF/EF-S mount
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/4000sec & Bulb
**ISO** 100-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P,A,S,M, A-DEP, Auto, 5 Scene
**FLASH** Hotshoe, GN 13m (ISO 100)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical, 1.8in 115,000pixel LCD
**OTHER** CF I/II, 9 custom functions, USB 2.0, RAW +JPEG
**POWER** Rechargable Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 126.5 x 94.2 x 64mm/485g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Features, fast, performance, image quality
*CONS* LCD, some button placements
***SUMMARY*** ***Well designed and fast, it produces great results, good for semi-pros***

WDC SCORE **90%** TESTED May 2005

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**£550** Estimated Street Price (£700 RRP)

## Nikon 8800

**CCD** 8.3MP total/8.0 MP effective
**LENS** 35-350mm f2.8-f5 (10x zoom)
**SHUTTER SPEED** 8 - 1/3000sec & B
**ISO** Auto, 50, 100, 200, 400
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, A, S, M, Sc, Mov, ±2EV, Custom
**FLASH** Built in/Hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF, 1.8in Vari-Angle LCD
**OTHER** CF Type I/II, 2.3fps, Pictbridge
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 116 x 85 x 121 mm/680g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Lens, compact, handling
*CONS* Image noise, limited sensitivity
***SUMMARY*** ***Eminently usable and worthy model with good results***

WDC SCORE **86%** TESTED Apr 2005

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**£550** Estimated Street Price (£550 RRP)

## Leica D-LUX2

**CCD** 8.4MP
**LENS** 28-112mm f/2.8-4.9
**SHUTTER SPEED** 60-1/2000sec
**ISO** Auto, 80-400
**EXPOSURE MODES** M,A,S,P, 14 Sc, Mov
**FLASH** Auto plus 6 modes
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** None/ 2.5in LCD, 207,000 pixels
**OTHER** 30fps Mov, SD, JPEG, RAW, TIFF , Image Stabilisation
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 105.7x58.3x25.6 mm/220g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Widescreen sensor, great handling and design
*CONS* Image noise, low light exposures
***SUMMARY*** ***A gem of a camera to use, but expensive and let down by some noise***

WDC SCORE **87%** TESTED Apr 2006

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## £560 Estimated Street Price (£700 RRP) — Sony R1

**CCD** 10.3MP effective
**LENS** Carl Zeiss T* 24-120mm
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/2000sec
**ISO** 160-3200
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, A, S, M, Scene, Mov
**FLASH** Hotshoe/Pop-up/GN18.5m
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF, 2.0in LCD
**OTHER** CF I/II, MS Pro, USB 2.0, sRGB, Adobe RGB, vivid RGB
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 139 x 156 x 97mm/929g

10 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Excellent images, build and design
*CONS* LCD and EVF hard to see, slow burst, macro

WDC SCORE **88%** TESTED Jan 2006

***SUMMARY*** ***Great value; the best bridge camera on the market today***

## £580 Estimated Street Price (£700 RRP) — Nikon D70 S

**CMOS** 6.1MP effective
**LENS** Nikon F mount/1.5x mag
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/8000sec
**ISO** 200-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P,A,S,M + Auto, 6 Scene
**FLASH** Pop-up and TTL hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** TTL Optical/ 2in LCD
**OTHER** Custom functions, depth of field preview
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 140 x 111 x 78mm/600g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Speed, handling, image quality, remote control
*CONS* Occasionally weak yellow and blues, no PC socket

WDC SCORE **90%** TESTED July 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Disappointing upgrade, but superb speed, features and images***

## £640 Estimated Street Price (£1150 RRP) — Konica Minolta Dynax 7D

**CCD** 6.1MP effective
**LENS** Minolta A-type bayonet
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/4000 sec & Bulb
**ISO** 100-3200
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M
**FLASH** PC socket/Hotshoe /Built-in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical TTL/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** CF storage, 3FPS, RAW, JPEG, USB 2.0
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 150 x 106 x 77.5mm/760g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Fully featured, build, good images, Anti-shake
*CONS* Too many buttons, harsh noise reduction

WDC SCORE **88%** TESTED Feb 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***An excellent first DSLR with great build quality and good results***

## £790 Estimated Street Price (£1270 RRP) — Canon 20D

**CMOS** 8.2MP Effective/ 8.5MP Total
**LENS** Canon EOS EF, EF-S
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/8000sec
**ISO** 100-3200
**EXPOSURE MODES** Auto, P, A, S, M, Scene
**FLASH** GN 12 @ISO 100
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/1.8in LCD
**OTHER** CF I/II
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 44 x 106 x 72 mm/770g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Good image quality, good spec, versatile
*CONS* Depth of field button awkward, clunky software

WDC SCORE **91%** TESTED Dec 2004

***SUMMARY*** ***Simply the best DSLR for the price on the market at the time of testing***

## £850 Estimated Street Price (£900 RRP) — Olympus E-330

**CMOS** 7.5MP
**LENS** 4/3 mount
**SHUTTER SPEED** 60 to 1/4000 sec + B
**ISO** 100-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** M,A,S,P, 20 Scene
**FLASH** Built in/ Hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Reflex/ 2.5" Flip-out LCD
**OTHER** CF I& II, xD JPEG, ORF, 3 fps, Live view LCD
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 140 x 87 x 72mm/550g

7 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Live Viewing, overall handling, anti-dust
*CONS* Image noise over ISO 400, no PC socket

WDC SCORE **86%** TESTED Apr 2006

***SUMMARY*** ***The pull-out live view LCD is the first of its kind and impressive***

## £900 Estimated Street Price (£1000 RRP) — Panasonic LC1

**CCD** 4.92MP effective
**LENS** 28-90mm
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/8-1/4000 sec
**ISO** 100,200,400
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M
**FLASH** GN 4m @auto/wide
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF, 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** SD, RAW, USB 2.0, manual focus
**POWER** Li-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 82 x 135 x 103mm/630g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Handling, LCD, flash, image quality
*CONS* Limiting ISO, EVF

WDC SCORE **90%** TESTED June 2004

***SUMMARY*** ***Less bucks than the Leica Digilux 2 for essentially the same camera***

## £1000 Estimated Street Price (£1600 RRP) — Fujifilm S3 Pro

**CCD** 6.17 'S', 6.17 'R' MP, 12MP output
**LENS** Nikon F mount
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/4000sec & Bulb
**ISO** 100-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M
**FLASH** PC socket, Hotshoe, Built-in
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/ 2in LCD
**OTHER** CF, xD, 2.5fps, RAW, JPEG, USB2.0, IEEE 1394
**POWER** 4x AA NiMH batteries, optional AC adaptor
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 47.8 x 135.3 x 78.5mm/ 815g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Image quality, ease of use, sensor
*CONS* Software clunky, slow drive, small buffer

WDC SCORE **85%** TESTED Mar 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***It may be a slow operator but image quality is superb***

## £1200 Estimated Street Price (£1299 RRP) — Nikon D200

**CCD** 10.2MP effective
**LENS** Interchangeable Nikon AF
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/8000sec
**ISO** 100-1600 + 1 stop boost
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M
**FLASH** Built in/Hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Reflex/2.5in
**OTHER** CF I/II, Jpeg, Tiff, Nef, 5fps
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 147 x 113 x 74mm/830g

10 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Design, speed, handling, RAW files
*CONS* LCD brightness, JPEGS often need processing

WDC SCORE **90%** TESTED Feb 2006

***SUMMARY*** ***Very capable, offers lots of potential, geared to RAW rather than JPEG***

## £1230 Estimated Street Price (£1300 RRP) — Leica Digilux 2

**CCD** 4.92MP effective
**LENS** 28-90mm
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1/8 - 1/4000sec
**ISO** 100,200,300
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M
**FLASH** GN 4m @Auto/wide
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** EVF/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** SD storage, RAW, USB 2.0, Manual focus
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 82 x 135 x 103mm/630g

5 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Excellent image quality, handling, design
*CONS* Expensive, low ISO range, EVF may be unpopular

WDC SCORE **89%** TESTED May 2004

***SUMMARY*** ***A great piece of kit, though I can't help feeling that it is overpriced***

## £1850 Estimated Street Price (£2500 RRP) — Canon Eos 5D

**CMOS** 13.3MP/12.8MP effective
**LENS** Interchangeable
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30-1/8000sec & B
**ISO** 100-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M
**FLASH** PC socket, hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** CF I/II, M, USB 2.0, sRGB and Adobe colour space
**POWER** Lithium-ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 152 x 113 x 75mm/810g

13 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Well built, good features, speed of use, images
*CONS* Some fiddly controls, very faint edge fringing

WDC SCORE **91%** TESTED Dec 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Superb camera producing big images, for semi-pros and enthusiasts***

## £2000 Estimated Street Price (£2000 RRP) — Epson RD1

**CCD** 6MP effective
**LENS** Interchangeable EM mount
**SHUTTER SPEED** 1 - 1/2000sec & B
**ISO** 200-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** Manual, Aprture Priority AE
**FLASH** Hotshoe/ PC (X-sync)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Real size optical/ 2.0in LCD
**OTHER** SD, optical rangefinder, JPEG, RAW
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 88.5 x 142 x 39.5mm/590g

6 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Build, design, innovative features, RAW plug-in
*CONS* Vignetting, no PC connection

WDC SCORE **85%** TESTED Feb 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Quirky and fun, the world's first digital rangefinder has some image issues***

## £2100 Estimated Street Price (£2500 RRP) — Nikon D2Hs

**CCD** 4MP effective JFET
**LENS** Nikon fit
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/8000sec & B
**ISO** 200-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M, ±5EV
**FLASH** Hotshoe
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Real size optical/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** CF, 9fps, RAW, TIFF, JPEG, USB 2.0
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 158 x 150 x 86 mm/1150g

4 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Handling, image quality, system support, speed
*CONS* 4MP may not be enough

WDC SCORE **91%** TESTED Oct 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Fast, fun and furious, however it only has a 4MP CCD***

## £2500 Estimated Street Price (£3050 RRP) — Canon Eos 1D MkII N

**CMOS** APS-C 28.7x19.1mm CMOS
**LENS** Canon EF
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/8000sec & B
**ISO** 100-1600 boost of 50 and 3200
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M, Custom, Picture Style
**FLASH** Hotshoe/PC Sync
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Pentaprism 100% view/2.5in LCD
**OTHER** CF/SD, RAW, JPEG, 8.5fps, 48 frames JPEG, 20 RAW
**POWER** Li-Ion
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 156 x 158 x 86 mm/1150g

8 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Build, image quality, fast, good buffer rate
*CONS* Expensive compared to competition

WDC SCORE **91%** TESTED Mar 2006

***SUMMARY*** ***Good camera, but update to original, so not really significant***

## £2800 Estimated Street Price (£3500 RRP) — Nikon D2X

**CMOS** 12MP effective
**LENS MOUNT** Interchangeable Nikon AF
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/8000sec & Bulb
**ISO** 100-800
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M, ±5EV
**FLASH** Hotshoe/ PC (X-sync)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Optical/ 2.5in LCD
**OTHER** CFI/II, JPEG, RAW, TIFF, 5fps over 21 in Jpeg mode
**POWER** Li-ion EN-EL4
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 157 x 149.5 x 85.5mm/1070g

12 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Great design, image quality, speed, features
*CONS* Single card slot, some faint fringing, software

WDC SCORE **95%** TESTED May 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Superb handling and packed with features, little to criticise***

## £4600 Estimated Street Price (£6000 RRP) — Canon Eos 1DS MkII

**CMOS** 16.7MP effective Full frame
**LENS MOUNT** Interchangeable EF mount
**SHUTTER SPEED** 30 - 1/8000sec & Bulb
**ISO** 100-1600
**EXPOSURE MODES** P, A, S, M, ±3EV
**FLASH** Hotshoe/ PC (X-sync)
**VIEWFINDER/MONITOR** Real size optical/ 2.0in LCD
**OTHER** SD, CFI&II, JPEG, RAW, JPEG+RAW
**POWER** Ni-MH pack
**DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT** 156 x 158 x 80mm/1215g

16 Mega Pixels

*PROS* Superb image quality, camera body design
*CONS* None really, but a larger LCD would be nice

WDC SCORE **96%** TESTED Apr 2005

***SUMMARY*** ***Quite simply, as good as it gets. Canon has another scorcher***

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# The TOP lenses

Whether wide or tele, here is our pick of lenses

## Wideangle zooms

### £569 Street Price — Sigma 12-24mm

**Name:** Sigma EX 12-24mm f/4.5-5.6 DG HSM
**Max Aperture:** 4.5-5.6
**Min Aperture:** 22
**Mount:** Sigma, KM, Nikon, Pentax, Canon
**Dimensions/Weight:** 87x102.5mm/600g
**Other:** Digital full frame, rear filter
***SUMMARY:*** *A remarkable lens for its quality and focal length*

WDC SCORE 90% Jun SUPP 2005

### £289 Street Price — Canon 20-35mm

**Name:** Canon EF 20-35mm f/3.5-4.5 USM
**Max Aperture:** 3.5-4.5
**Min Aperture:** 32
**Mount:** Canon
**Dimensions/Weight** 83.5X68.9mm/340g
**Other:** USM, non digital
***SUMMARY:*** *As an analogue lens this is a remarkable performer*

WDC SCORE 89% Jun SUPP 2005

### D70 Kit Lens — Nikon 18-70mm

**Name:** Nikon AF-S 18-70mm f/3.5-4.5 G DX ED
**Max Aperture:** 3.5-4.5
**Min Aperture:** 32
**Mount:** Nikon
**Dimensions/Weight** 73x75mm/420g
**Other:** DX design for Nikon DX sensors
***SUMMARY:*** *Well made digitally dedicated lens with great performance*

WDC SCORE 87% Jun SUPP 2005

### £329 Street Price — Tamron 17-35mm

**Name:** Tamron SP 1F Di(IF) 17-35 f/2.8-4
**Max Aperture** 2.8-4
**Min Aperture** 22
**Mount** Canon, KM, Nikon, Pentax
**Dimensions/Weight** 83.2x86.5mm/430g
**Other:** APS Digital design, 77mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *Very good, solid performer and well made too*

WDC SCORE 87% Jun SUPP 2005

### £449 Street Price — Konica Minolta 17-35mm

**Name:** Konica Minolta AF 17-35mm f/2.8-4 D
**Max Aperture** 2.8-4
**Min Aperture** 22-32
**Mount** KM AF
**Dimensions/Weight** 83 x 88.5mm/430g
**Other:** Non digital, 77mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *A non-digital lens that performs better from the middle of the focal range*

WDC SCORE 84% Jun SUPP 2005

### £199 Street Price — Pentax 18-55mm

**Name:** Pentax DA 18-55MM f/3.5-5.6 AL
**Max Aperture** 3.5-5.6
**Min Aperture** 22
**Mount Pentax** KAF
**Dimensions/Weight** 83.5x69mm/420g
**Other:** Non digital,52mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *A capable lens with a good price, but some vignetting and edge sharpness problems*

WDC SCORE 84% Jun SUPP 2005

### £100 Street Price — Sigma 18-50mm

**Name:** Sigma 18-50mm f3.5-5.6 DC
**Max Aperture** 3.5-5.6
**Min Aperture** 22
**Mount** Sigma, Nikon, Pentax, Canon, Olympus
**Dimensions/Weight** 74.1x84.1x88.5mm/430g
**Other:** APS Digital design,58mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *A budget digital lens with average performance*

WDC SCORE 81% Jun SUPP 2005

## Standard zooms

### £449 Street Price — Olympus 14-54mm

**Name:** Olympus Digital 14-54mm f2.8-3.5
**Max Aperture** 2.8-3.5
**Min Aperture** 22
**Mount** Olympus 4/3
**Dimensions/Weight** 73.5x87.5mm/435g
**Other:** Digital design, 58mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *Specifically designed for the 4/3 sensor, the lens ticks all the right boxes and is well made*

WDC SCORE 92% Jun SUPP 2005

### £339 Street Price — Canon 28-135mm

**Name:** Canon EF 28-135mm f/3.5-5.6 IS USM
**Max Aperture** 3.5-5.6
**Min Aperture** 32
**Mount** Canon
**Dimensions/Weight** 78.4x96.8mm/540g
**Other:** Non digital, Image Stabilised72mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *Tough and durable, this non-digital lens doesn't disappoint*

WDC SCORE 90% Jun SUPP 2005

### £369 Street Price — KonicaMinolta 28-75mm

**Name:** Konica Minolta 28-75mm f/2.8 D
**Max Aperture** 2.8
**Min Aperture** 32
**Mount** KM AF
**Dimensions/Weight** 73x94mm/510g
**Other:** Non digital,67mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *A non-digital lens but still a good optic with a constant f/2.8 maximum aperture*

WDC SCORE 88% Jun SUPP 2005

### £269 Street Price — Tamron 28-75mm

**Name:** Tamron SP 28-75mm XR Di LD (IF) f/2.8 macro
**Max Aperture** 2.8
**Min Aperture** 22
**Mount** Nikon, Canon, KM, Pentax
**Dimensions/Weight** 73x92mm/510g
**Other:** Non digital,73mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *Digitally integrated macro lens and standard zoom with consistent results*

WDC SCORE 88% Jun SUPP 2005

### £339 Street Price — Sigma 24-60mm

**Name:** Sigma EX 24-60mm f/2.8 DG Max Aperture 2.8
**Min Aperture** 22
**Mount** Nikon, Canon, Pentax, KM, Sigma
**Dimensions/Weight** 83.6x87.2mm/550g
**Other:** Full frame digital,77mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *Designed for full-frame sensors, but can be used with smaller APS. Good constant max aperture and reasonable images*

WDC SCORE 86% Jun SUPP 2005

### £300 Street Price — Nikon 24-85mm

**Name:** Nikon AF-S 24-85mm f/3.5-4.5 G ED –IF
**Max Aperture** 3.5-4.5
**Min Aperture** 32
**Mount** Nikon
**Dimensions/Weight** 73x71mm/400g
**Other:** Non digital,67mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *For a non-digital lens it performs reasonably well but lacks definition in low-contrast conditions*

WDC SCORE 84% Jun SUPP 2005

### £159 Street Price — Pentax 28-80mm

**Name:** Pentax FAJ 28-80MM f/3.5-5.6 AL
**Max Aperture** 3.5-5.6
**Min Aperture** 38
**Mount** Pentax KAF
**Dimensions/Weight** 63x67mm/180g
**Other:** Non digital,58mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *Pentax claims the lens works equally well with film or digital, and for the size and price is a very good performer*

WDC SCORE 84% Jun SUPP 2005

## Telephoto zooms

### £1549 Street Price — Nikon 80-200mm

**Name:** Nikon AF-S 80-200mm f/2.8
**Max Aperture** 2.8
**Min Aperture** 32
**Mount** Nikon
**Dimensions/Weight** 88x207mm/1580g
**Other:** Non digital,77mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *A top of the range lens bristling with quality. It's not cheap but if you want the best it's worth the price*

WDC SCORE 93% Jun SUPP 2005

### £799 Street Price — Sigma 70-200mm

**Name:** Sigma APO 70-200mm f/2.8 EX HSM
**Max Aperture:** 2.8
**Min Aperture:** 32
**Mount** Sigma, Canon, Nikon, Pentax, KM
**Dimensions/Weight** 86.2x184mm/1270g
**Other:** Non digital, 77mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *Although it's not specifically digital, the performance is outstanding. If you can stretch to the price, an absolute must have*

WDC SCORE 92% Jun SUPP 2005

### £699 Street Price — Olympus 50-200mm

**Name:** Olympus Digital ED 50-200 f/2.8-3.5
**Max Aperture** 2.8-3.5
**Min Aperture** 22
**Mount** Olympus 4/3
**Dimensions/Weight** 87x157mm/1070g
**Other:** Digital optimised,67mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *A very good example of digital integration and improvement*

WDC SCORE 91% Jun SUPP 2005

### £139 Street Price — Minolta 75-300mm

**Name:** Minolta AF 75-300mm f/4.5-5.6 AP D
**Max Aperture** 4.5-5.6
**Min Aperture** 38
**Mount** KM AF
**Dimensions/Weight** 71x122mm/460g
**Other:** Non digital, 55mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *An analogue lens but not a bad performer. Some problems in shadow areas and fringing though*

WDC SCORE 83% Jun SUPP 2005

### £199 Street Price — Pentax 75-300mm

**Name:** Pentax FA-J 75-300mm f/4.5-5.6 AL
**Max Aperture:** 4.5-5.6
**Min Aperture:** 38
**Mount:** Pentax KAF
**Dimensions/Weight** 69x116mm/385g
**Other:** Non digital, 58mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *A prime example of why digital lenses should be used; very poor performance on digital cameras*

WDC SCORE 80% Jun SUPP 2005

### £129 Street Price — Canon 80-200mm

**Name:** Canon EF 80-200mm f/4.5-5.6 II
**Max Aperture** 4.5-5.6
**Min Aperture** 29
**Mount** Canon
**Dimensions/Weight** 69x78.5mm/250g
**Other:** Non digital, 77mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *Canon's budget zoom is slow, with fringing frequently occurring*

WDC SCORE 79% Jun SUPP 2005

### £179 Street Price — Nikon 70-300mm

**Name:** Nikon AF 70-300mm f4.5-5.6 G
**Max Aperture** 4.5-5.6
**Min Aperture** 38
**Mount** Nikon
**Dimensions/Weight** 74x116.5mm/425g
**Other:** Non digital, 62mm filter
***SUMMARY:*** *Nikon's budget lens lets the side down. Slow, noisy and average images*

WDC SCORE 74% Jun SUPP 2005

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# The TOP flash & scanners

Our pick of flashguns and film & flatbed scanners

## Flashguns
illumination

**£295** Street Price — **Nikon Speedlight SB-800**
GN 56m@105mm@ISO 100
**Features:** Bounce/180degree twist/24-105mm coverage/Wireless/FP mode
**Compatibility:** Nikon
*SUMMARY* ***Small but powerful flash***
WDC SCORE 93% DEC 2005

**£300** Street Price — **Metz 54 MZ-4i**
GN 54m@105mm@ISO 100
**Features:** Bounce/180degree twist/24-105mm coverage/multiflash/FP mode
**Compatibility:** Olympus/Canon/KonMin/Nikon/Pentax
*SUMMARY* ***Big, powerful and sophisticated***
WDC SCORE 92% DEC 2005

**£350** Street Price — **Canon Speedlite 580EX**
GN 58m@105mm@ISO 100
**Features:** Bounce/180degree twist/24-105mm coverage/Wireless/FP mode
**Compatibility:** Canon
*SUMMARY* ***105mm coverage GN58***
WDC SCORE 91% DEC 2005

**£230** Street Price — **Nikon Speedlight SB-600**
GN 40m@85mm@ISO 100
**Features:** Bounce/180degree twist/28-85mm coverage/Wireless CLS/FP
**Compatibility:** Nikon
*SUMMARY* ***Affordable and adaptable unit***
WDC SCORE 90% NOV 2005

**£200** Street Price — **Canon Speedlite 430EX**
GN 43m@105mm@ISO 100
**Features:** Bounce/180degree twist/24-105mm coverage/wireless EX/FP mode
**Compatibility:** Canon
*SUMMARY* ***Good features & performance***
WDC SCORE 90% NOV 2005

**£330** Street Price — **Konica Minolta P-Flash 5600 HS (D)**
GN 56m@85mm@ISO 100
**Features:** Bounce/180degree twist/24-85mm coverage/wireless/ FP mode
**Compatibility:** Sigma/Canon/KonMin/Nikon/Pentax
*SUMMARY* ***Powerful, flexible and capable***
WDC SCORE 89% DEC 2005

**£200** Street Price — **Sigma EF-500 DG Super**
GN 50m@105mm@ISO 100
**Features:** Bounce/180degree twist/28-105mm coverage/ wireless
**Compatibility:** Sigma/Canon/KonMin/Nikon
*SUMMARY* ***Superlative budget choice***
WDC SCORE 89% DEC 2005

**£350** Street Price — **Olympus FL50**
GN 50m@85mm@ISO 100
**Features:** Bounce/180degree twist/24-85mm coverage/FP mode
**Compatibility:** Olympus
*SUMMARY* ***Bit pricey but well worth it***
WDC SCORE 87% DEC 2005

**£170** Street Price — **Olympus FL-36**
GN 36m@85mm@ISO 100
**Features:** Bounce/180degree twist/24-85mm coverage/FP mode
**Compatibility:** Olympus 4/3
*SUMMARY* ***Great entrée to off-camera flash work***
WDC SCORE 86% NOV 2005

**£120** Street Price — **Sigma EF-500 DG ST**
GN 50m@105mm@ISO 100
**Features:** Bounce/180degree twist/28-105mm coverage
**Compatibility:** Sigma/Canon/KonMin/Nikon/Pentax
*SUMMARY* ***Keen price, lacks some features***
WDC SCORE 86% NOV 2005

## Flatbed
scanner

**£179** Street Price — **Canon 8400F**
**RESOLUTION** 3200x6400ppi
**TRANSPARENCY UNIT** Yes
**FEATURES** Multi-photo scan, USB 2.0, FARE scratch removal
*SUMMARY* ***Very fast and producing good-quality scans***
WDC SCORE 91% APRIL 2005

**£350** Street Price — **Epson 4490**
**RESOLUTION** ppi
**TRANSPARENCY UNIT** Yes
**FEATURES** Holders for film up to 5x4, Silver Fast AE, PS Elements 2, USB 2, Digital ICE
*SUMMARY* ***Good results and verstatility, but not the cheapest on the block***
WDC SCORE 90% MAY 2005

**£199** Street Price — **Epson 4990**
**RESOLUTION** 4800x9400 ppi
**TRANSPARENCY UNIT** Yes
**FEATURES** Holders for 12 35mm strips, 4x mounted slides, 1x medium format, USB 2, Digital ICE
*SUMMARY* ***High standard of construction and excellent software***
WDC SCORE 91% MAR 2006

**£350** Street Price — **Epson 4870**
**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 4800x9600ppi
**TRANSPARENCY UNIT** Yes
**FEATURES** Full-width TPU, 24 film frames, 8 slides capacity, roll film, 5x4in, Digital ICE
*SUMMARY* ***Highest spec consumer scanner yet***
WDC SCORE 90% AUG 2004

**£139** Street Price — **Canon LIDE 80**
**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 2400x4800ppi
**TRANSPARENCY UNIT** Yes
**FEATURES** Single-frame 35mm film scanning, CIS, USB2.0
*SUMMARY* ***Ultra-slim, fast and great results – WDC's Scanner of the Year 2003***
WDC SCORE 90% AWARDS ISSUE 2003

**£129** Street Price — **Canon LIDE 500F**
**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A4 Flatbed, 1200x4800ppi
**TRANSPARENCY UNIT** Yes
**FEATURES** 1x35mm film scanning, FARE level 3, USB 2.0
*SUMMARY* ***This is another slim and space saving LiDE winner from Canon***
WDC SCORE 90% MAR 2006

**£129** Street Price — **Epson 2580**
**TYPE & RESOLUTION** Flatbed, 2400x4800ppi
**TRANSPARENCY UNIT** Yes
**FEATURES** USB 2.0, colour restoration & dust removal
*SUMMARY* ***Well-specified model producing great results for a low price***
WDC SCORE 89% JAN 2005

**£129** Street Price — **Canon 8000F**
**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 2400x4600ppi
**TRANSPARENCY UNIT** Yes
**FEATURES** Scans 12 35mm film frames, FARE dust and scratch removal, USB 2.0
*SUMMARY* ***Good all-rounder, no roll film support***
WDC SCORE 88% MAR 2003

**£200** Street Price — **HP 5530**
**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 2400x4800ppi
**TRANSPARENCY UNIT** Yes
**FEATURES** Automatic postcard print stack and feeder
*SUMMARY* ***6x4in print feeder – unique to HP***
WDC SCORE 87% AUGUST 2004

**£339** Street Price — **Canon 9950F**
**TYPE & RESOLUTION** Flatbed A4
**TRANSPARENCY UNIT** Yes
**FEATURES** Holders up to 5x4, PS Elements 2, USB 2, FARE
*SUMMARY* ***Good image and build quality, but 6400 is less effective than Digital ICE***
WDC SCORE 87% MAY 2005

## Film
scanner

**£600** Street Price — **Minolta 5400**
**FILM SIZE & RESOLUTION** 35mm/5400ppi
**FEATURES** USB 2.0, Digital ICE4 dust and scratch removal included
*SUMMARY* ***Incredibly high resolution***
WDC SCORE 91% SEPT 2004

**£300** Street Price — **Minolta Scan Dual IV**
**TYPE** 35mm/APS Film scanner
**FEATURES** USB 2.0, 3200PPI resolution
*SUMMARY* ***Price, speed and quality make it good for a medium number of scans***
WDC SCORE 90% AUG 2005

**£549** Street Price — **Epson F-3200**
**FILM SIZE & RESOLUTION** Up to 5x4, 3200dpi/6400dpi with micro step
**FEATURES** USB 2, FireWire, 6X4 print scanning function
*SUMMARY* ***Great for multi format***
WDC SCORE 90% JUNE 2005

**£800** Street Price — **Microtek 4000TF**
**RESOLUTION** 4000ppi
**FILM SIZE** 35mm
**FEATURES** USB, Firewire
*SUMMARY* ***SilverFast Ai Pro 6 software bundled***
WDC SCORE 90% OCT 2004

**£2500** Street Price — **Nikon LS9000**
**FILM SIZE & RESOLUTION** 35mm and 6 x 9cm roll film/4000ppi
**FEATURES** Digital ICE4/ROC, Firewire
*SUMMARY* ***Multi-format film scanner***
WDC SCORE 89% AUGUST 2004

**£2276** Street Price — **Minolta Pro**
**FILM SIZE & RESOLUTION** 35mm, 120/220 roll film up to 6 x 9cm/4800ppi
**FEATURES** Ultra SCSI, Firewire, Digital ICE3 dust and scratch removal
*SUMMARY* ***Capable of scanning roll film***
WDC SCORE 88% JULY 2004

**£520** Street Price — **Nikon Coolscan LS50**
**FILM SIZE & RESOLUTION** 35mm / 4000ppi
**FEATURES** USB 2.0, Digital ICE4 dust and scratch removal
*SUMMARY* ***High resolution, fast and easy to use. Also known as the Coolscan V***
WDC SCORE 76% APRIL 2003

**£1099** Street Price — **Nikon LS5000**
**FILM SIZE & RESOLUTION** 35mm/4000ppi
**FEATURES** 48-bit, 16-bit a/d, Digital ICE4 dust and scratch removal, USB 2.0
*SUMMARY* ***Very fast – 20 seconds per frame***

**£400** Street Price — **Microtek 3600**
**FILM SIZE & RESOLUTION** 35mm/1800ppi
**FEATURES** USB, 36-bit
*SUMMARY* ***Simple manual feed film scanner for the budget-conscious***

**£449** Street Price — **Canon FS4000US**
**FILM SIZE & RESOLUTION** 35mm, APS/4000dpi
**FEATURES** APS adapter included, FARE dust and scratch removal, SCSI and USB, accepts strips and slide mounts
*SUMMARY* ***Competitively priced. Includes APS option***

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# The TOP printers

Buying a printer?
These are our picks

## 6"x4" printer

**£100 Street Price — Epson PictureMate 100**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 6x4in Inkjet
**FEATURES** USB 2.0, 1.5in LCD, optional Bluetooth and battery pack, CF, SD, xD, MS Pro, MS
***SUMMARY*** *Good print quality, convenient, expensive for lots of pics but great for a few prints*
WDC SCORE **89%** DEC 2005

**£179 Street Price — Epson PictureMate 500**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 6x4in Inkjet/320 x 240dpi
**FEATURES** USB 2.0, optional Bluetooth and battery pack, CF, SD, xD, MS Pro, SM
***SUMMARY*** *One of the best, easiest and fast units. Versatile unit producing pleasing results*
WDC SCORE **88%** SEP 2005

**£150 Street Price — Epson PictureMate**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 6x4in Inkjet/Up to 5760 x 1440dpi
**FEATURES** Pictbridge compatible, direct printing from memory cards and Bluetooth option with adaptor
***SUMMARY*** *Good colours & sharpness, this compact option is cheap to run, but slow*
WDC SCORE **85%** MAR 2005

**£130 Street Price — Kodak PrinterDock 3**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 6x4in dye sub
**FEATURES** USB 2.0, Bluetooth, IRDA, Kodak camera direct printing and recharging
***SUMMARY*** *Easy to use and quick to print with mobile phone compatibility*
WDC SCORE **86%** MAR 2006

**£150 Street Price — Samsung SPP2040**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 6x4in dye-sub
**FEATURES** USB 2.0, CF I/II, SM, SD, MMC, MMS, xD, 2in LCD monitor
***SUMMARY*** *Attractive and easy to use though a bit expensive. Good for the average home user*
WDC SCORE **84%** DEC 2005

**£150 Street Price — Canon CP330**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 6x4in dye-sub/300dpi
**FEATURES** Lithium-ion battery, Pictbridge compatible, range of paper sizes, including sticker prints
***SUMMARY*** *Produces good-quality prints at a reasonable price. Portable, thanks to battery*
WDC SCORE **83%** MAR 2005

**£170 Street Price — Canon DS700**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 6 x 4 inch Inkjet/ up to 4800 x 1200dpi
**FEATURES** Card slots, Pictbridge compatible, includes infrared remote and uses a TV as a display monitor
***SUMMARY*** *Low-profile device that is easy to use with a TV. Print quality is on the warm side*
WDC SCORE **82%** MAR 2005

**£90 Street Price — Lexmark P315**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** 4800x1200dpi
**FEATURES** Pictbridge, card slots for all current media cards, Jpeg only
***SUMMARY*** *Not the fastest or best, but simple, inexpensive and serviceable*
WDC SCORE **83%** AUG 2005

## A4 Size printer

**£200 Street Price — Canon iP6000D**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A4 Inkjet/1200 x 4800 dpi
**FEATURES** Card slots, Pictbridge-compatible, dual paper trays, CDR/DVD printing, infrared wireless port
***SUMMARY*** *Refined and versatile unit producing good quality prints*
WDC SCORE **90%** FEB 2005

**£400 Street Price — Kodak Pro 1400**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** Thermal dye sub, 301dpi
**FEATURES** USB 2.0, 8x12, 8x10, A4
***SUMMARY*** *Expensive prints. Easy to use, producing good results with high protection and print life*
WDC SCORE **89%** NOV 2005

**£159 Street Price — Canon iP5200**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** Inkjet, 9600 x 2400dpi
**FEATURES** Wireless option, five inks, PictBridge
***SUMMARY*** *Big, purposeful, very fast and very refined*
WDC SCORE **88%** FEB 2006

**£300 Street Price — Epson R800**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A4 Inkjet/Up to 5760x1440dpi
**FEATURES** 8 dye-based inks, eight tanks Extended gamut pigment photo inks
***SUMMARY*** *Pleasing print quality and solid build, although it isn't Pictbridge compatible*
WDC SCORE **88%** MAR SUPP 2005

**£330 Street Price — Canon iP8500**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A4 Inkjet/4800 x 2400dpi
**FEATURES** Pictbridge support, dual paper trays, integral duplex unit, CDR/DVD printing, USB 2.0
***SUMMARY*** *A fast device with excellent colour range and sharpness, however it isn't cheap*
WDC SCORE **87%** MAR SUPP 2005

**£100 Street Price — Canon iP4200**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A4 Inkjet/ 9600x400dpi
**FEATURES** Five inks, Pictbridge compatible, CD/DVD printing
***SUMMARY*** *A good choice if printing from cards isn't required*
WDC SCORE **88%** FEB 2006

**£100 Street Price — Lexmark P915**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A4 Inkjet/ 1200 x 4800dpi
**FEATURES** Long lasting Evercolor ink cartridge, Pictbridge compatible, Memory card slots
***SUMMARY*** *Great value, good fade-resistant photo prints, though could be faster*
WDC SCORE **85%** FEB 2005

**£100 Street Price — Epson R240**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A4 Inkjet/ 5760x1440dpi
**FEATURES** Four inks, PictBridge, built-in LCD, memory card slots
***SUMMARY*** *Another neat package from Epson at an attractive price*
WDC SCORE **87%** FEB 2006

**£170 Street Price — HP 8150**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A4 Inkjet/1200 x 4800dpi
**FEATURES** Memory card slots, Pictbridge compatible, optional Bluetooth and 10 x 15cm double sided prints
***SUMMARY*** *Range of features, however borderless printing is unsatisfactory*
WDC SCORE **84%** FEB 2005

**£250 Street Price — HP 8450**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A4 inkjet/4800 x 1200dpi
**FEATURES** Pictbridge compatible, Memory card slots, double- sided photo print adaptor
***SUMMARY*** *Relatively good value and easy to use, however it is relatively slow and large*
WDC SCORE **84%** MAR SUPP 2005

## A3 Size printer

**£500 Street Price — Epson R2400**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A3+ Inkjet, 5760x1400 dpi
**FEATURES** USB 2.0, Firewire, borderless printing possible, roll printing
***SUMMARY*** *Excellent print quality, good performance and attractive design*
WDC SCORE **90%** OCT 2005

**£400 Street Price — Epson R1800**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A3+ Inkjet 5760x1440 dpi
**FEATURES** Epson Ultra Chrome Hi-Gloss inks, PictBridge
***SUMMARY*** *Good performance at reasonable price, neutral gloss prints, matt prints dark*
WDC SCORE **89%** OCT 2005

**£330 Street Price — HP Photosmart 8750**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** Inkjet, 4800x1200dpi
**FEATURES** 9 HP Vivera inks inc HP 344 Tri-Colour, four card slots, USB 2.0, PictBridge
***SUMMARY*** *Operation is quiet and the price was good, although matt prints are too light*
WDC SCORE **88%** OCT 2005

**£550 Street Price — Canon i9950**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A3+ Inkjet/ 4800x2400dpi
**FEATURES** 8 Chroma Plus inks,eight tanks, USB 2.0, Firewire (Mac only), PictBridge
***SUMMARY*** *Very fast with good detail*
WDC SCORE **87%** OCT 2005

**£350 Street Price — Epson 1290S**

**TYPE & RESOLUTION** A3+ Inkjet/ 2880 x 720dpi
**FEATURES** Epson Quick Dry 6 colour inks, panoramic photo formats
***SUMMARY*** *Good tonal range; prints can look a little soft thanks to the low resolution*
WDC SCORE **79%** OCT 2003

## Multi Function
all-in-one printer,scanner &copier

**£159 Street Price — Epson CX6400**

**PRINTER** A4 Inkjet/ 5760dpi optimised
**SCANNER/OTHER** 1200x2400/copier
**INKS** Epson Durabrite pigment inks
***SUMMARY*** *A no-frills unit offering good value and good all round performance*
WDC SCORE **81%** SEPT 2004

**£299 Street Price — Canon MP730**

**PRINTER** A4 Inkjet/4800x1200dpi
**SCANNER/OTHER** 1200x2400ppi/copier/fax
**INKS** 3 colours and black
***SUMMARY*** *Impressive scanning but prints are disappointing. Well specified and good value, though*
WDC SCORE **80%** SEPT 2004

**£149 Street Price — Canon MP370**

**PRINTER** A4 Inkjet 4800x1200dpi
**SCANNER/OTHER** 1200x2400ppi/copier/ PictBridge
**INKS** 3 colours and black
***SUMMARY*** *A great looker and competitively priced but falls short in use. It has got PictBridge, though*
WDC SCORE **78%** SEPT 2004

**£200 Street Price — Canon MP390**

**PRINTER** A4 Inkjet/ 4800x1200dpi
**SCANNER/OTHER** 1200x2400ppi CIS A4 scanner, copier,fax
**INKS** 4 inks (black pigment, colour dyes) 2 tanks
***SUMMARY*** *With card and camera support this offers photo features along with the office functions*
WDC SCORE **77%** JUNE 2004

**£130 Street Price — HP PSC1350**

**PRINTER** A4 Inkjet/4800x1200dpi
**SCANNER/OTHER** 600x2400ppi/copier
**INKS** 3 colour plus black, optional photo cartidge
***SUMMARY*** *It's a bit loud for the home environment but the scanner is quick with good density*
WDC SCORE **73%** SEPT 2004

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# The TOP portable drives & software

Software to improve your images and the best storage devices

## Portable Hard drives
### Storage devices

**£350 Street Price — Epson P400**

**DESCRIPTION** 40GB Multimedia Viewer
**PLATFORMS** Windows/Mac
**FEATURES** 3.8in LCD, MP3, JPEG, RAW, TIFF, AAC, MPEG 4
*SUMMARY* ***The great screen and compatibility with Epson printers makes this a serious bit of kit***

WDC SCORE 92% FEB 2006

**£179 Street Price — Addonics MFR CD Burner**

**DESCRIPTION** CD burner/ DVDS player
**PLATFORMS** Windows
**FEATURES** Portable USB 2.0 CD burner, DVD playback
*SUMMARY* ***If only it had 5.1 Dolby sound this little portable player could replace your domestic DVD player***

WDC SCORE 92% AUG 2004

**£100 Street Price — Kodak Easyshare Picture Viewer**

**FEATURES** Portable image viewer
**FEATURES** 256MB hard drive, 2.5in LCD,
*SUMMARY* ***Simple to use, good price although the hard drive has a limited capactiy***

WDC SCORE 91% OCT 2005

**£299 Street Price — Apacer Disc Steno CP-200**

**FEATURES** Li-ion powered Portable CD burner with 24x read, 24x write, 10x re-write, USB 2.0. Quite large.
**SUPPORTS** CF Type I/II, SD, MMC, MS, SM
*SUMMARY* ***Back up to CDs on the road while the improved interface provides greater piece of mind***

WDC SCORE 91% JUL 2004

**£400 Street Price — Jobo Giga Vue**

**DESCRIPTION** Picture Viewer
**PLATFORMS** Windows, Mac
**Features** 40/60GB, USB 2.0, RAW support, 320 x 480 pixel screen
*SUMMARY* ***A touch-sensitive screen and RAW support are among the top features of this cool device***

WDC SCORE 87% APR 2005

**£315 Street Price — Jobo Giga One**

**DESCRIPTION** Multimedia Viewer
**PLATFORMS** Windows/Media
**Features** 20GB, 2in screen
*SUMMARY* ***Simple, effective and reasonably priced player that just works***

WDC SCORE 84% FEB 2006

**£350 Street Price — Apple iPod Photo**

**DESCRIPTION** 40/60GB Multimedia player
**PLATFORMS** Windows/Mac
**FEATURES** AAC, MP3, WAY, JPEG,AIFF, GIF, BMP, PNG,
*SUMMARY* ***Limited functions, with reliance on computer. Good music player, better functionality with iPod connector***

WDC SCORE 84% MAR 2005

**£400 Street Price — Nikon Coolwalker**

**DESCRIPTION** Photo player
**PLATFORMS** Windows/Mac
**FEATURES** CF slot, USB 2, 2.5in screen, JPEG, TIFF, NEF
*SUMMARY* ***Understandably Nikoncentric, but easy to use and quick to use and learn***

WDC SCORE 83% JULY 2005

**£300 Street Price — Innoplus Phototainer**

**FEATURES** JPEG viewer, MP3 and MJPEG video player with 3.5in colour screen. CF I&II only, adaptors for other cards extra. **CAPACITY** 30GB
*SUMMARY* ***Very similar to the Smartdisk Flashtrax Multi Media Viewer***

WDC SCORE 80% APR 2005

**£258 Street Price — Tatung Elio Photo Jukebox**

**DESCRIPTION** MultiMedia player
**PLATFORMS** Windows/Mac
**FEATURES** 20GB, 3.5in LCD, JPEG, TIFF, MP3. SD, USB 2.0,
*SUMMARY* ***Small enough for your pocket but better suited for MP3s than photos***

WDC SCORE 80% APR 2005

## Editing
### software

**€124 Street Price — DxO Optios Pro 3**

**DESCRIPTION** Digital correction software and RAW processor
**PLATFORM** Windows/Mac
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.dxo.com
*SUMMARY* ***Works very well, is easy to use and good value***

WDC SCORE 92% Dec 2005

**£522 Street Price — Adobe Photoshop CS2**

**DESCRIPTION** Image-editing suite
**PLATFORMS** Mac OS X/Windows 2000/XP
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.adobe.com
*SUMMARY* ***The biggest and best version yet, with even more photographic tools***

WDC SCORE 91% JULY 2005

**£60 Street Price — Ulead PhotoImpact 10**

**DESCRIPTION** Image Editing Suite
**PLATFORMS** Windows 98SE, 2000, Me or XP
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.ulead.com
*SUMMARY* ***If you're looking for a cheaper rival to Photoshop, it could be what you need***

WDC SCORE 90% FEB 2005

**£69 Street Price — Adobe Photoshop Elements 4.0**

**DESCRIPTION** Image-editing suite
**PLATFORMS** Windows
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.adobe.co.uk
*SUMMARY* ***Great new features and all the good bits of Photoshop without the hefty cost***

WDC SCORE 88% NOV 2005

**£99 Street Price — Corel Paint Shop Pro X**

**DESCRIPTION** Image-editing suite
**PLATFORMS** Windows
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.corel.co.uk
*SUMMARY* ***Lots of useful features that will improve and enhance your photos with a few keystrokes***

WDC SCORE 87% NOV 2005

## Organising
### software

**£59 Street Price — Apple Aperture**

**DESCRIPTION** RAW Workflow and organising
**PLATFORMS** Mac OS X
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** No
*SUMMARY* ***Slick and fast, but let down by high cost and compatibility issues with older Macs***

WDC SCORE 85% March 2006

**£120 Street Price — iView Media Pro 3.0**

**DESCRIPTION** Digital Asset Management
**PLATFORMS** Mac OS X/ Windows 2000/XP
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.iview-multimedia.com
*SUMMARY* ***Catalogues a wide variety of formats quickly and effectively, with useful new features***

WDC SCORE 87% FEB 2006

**£113 Street Price — Extensis Portfolio 8**

**DESCRIPTION** Digital Asset Management
**PLATFORMS** Mac OS X/ Windows XP
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.extensis.com
*SUMMARY* ***Powerful, fast and professional DAM system but complicated for home use***

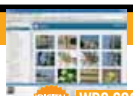
WDC SCORE 86% MAR 2006

**FREE Street Price — Adobe Lightroom beta**

**DESCRIPTION** Raw Workflow and Organising
**PLATFORMS** Mac, Windows expected
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** http://labs.macromedia.com /technologies/lightroom
*SUMMARY* ***Still in Beta but very impressive thus far***

WDC SCORE 91% MAR 2006

**FREE Street Price — Picasa**



**DESCRIPTION** Organising software
**PLATFORMS** Windows
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** http://picasa.google.com
*SUMMARY* ***While the tools are not advanced, this is great for the home user***

WDC SCORE 89% DEC 2005

## Plug-ins
### software

**£55 Street Price — Pixel Genius Photokit Sharpener**

**DESCRIPTION** Image sharpening
**PLATFORMS** Windows / Mac
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.pixelgenius.com
*SUMMARY* ***Image sharpening workflow tool, from capture to output***

WDC SCORE 91% MAY 2004

**£55 Street Price — Pixel Genius Photokit Colour**

**DESCRIPTION** Colour tools and effects
**PLATFORMS** Windows 98 and up, Mac OS 9.1
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.pixelgenius.com
*SUMMARY* ***Time-saving software capable of a wide variety of excellent results***

WDC SCORE 90% MAY 2005

**£40 Street Price — Iridius PS Actions**

**DESCRIPTION** Adobe Photoshop Actions
**PLATFORMS** Windows 2000/XP, Mac X
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.adobe.co.uk
*SUMMARY* ***For the busy photographer, the Iridus action set is a fantastic, time-saving life saver***

WDC SCORE 91% NOV 2004

**£99 Street Price — Real Viz Stitcher Express**

**DESCRIPTION** Panorama creator
**PLATFORMS** Windows 2000, SP2, XP, Mac OSX, 10.2
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.realviz.com
*SUMMARY* ***Simple interface and powerful stitching at a reasonable price***

WDC SCORE 88% OCT 2005

**£90 Street Price — Genuine Fractals 4.0**

**DESCRIPTION** Superb fractal-powered enlargement plug-in
**PLATFORMS** Windows
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.dcpsystems.co.uk
*SUMMARY* ***Good results for anyone who wants to make large prints from their digital photographs***

WDC SCORE 88% SEP 2005

**FREE Street Price — Pixmantec Raw Shooter Essentials**

**DESCRIPTION** Raw image processor
**PLATFORMS** Windows/Mac
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.lizardtech.com
*SUMMARY* ***Powerful features, elegant and smart interface, missing some advanced tools***

WDC SCORE 88% OCT 2005

**£140 Street Price — Extensis Photoframe 2.5**

**DESCRIPTION** Collection of edge effects
**PLATFORMS** Windows / Mac
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.extensis.co.uk
*SUMMARY* ***Combine and customise any of the 2000+ natural and digital frames or create your own***

**£140 Street Price — Extensis Pixel Smart Scale**

**DESCRIPTION** Tool for rescaling images up to 1600%
**PLATFORMS** Windows / Mac
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.extensis.co.uk
*SUMMARY* ***Enlarge images beyond their natural limits, with no loss of colour or quality***

**£140 Street Price — Extensis Mask Pro**

**DESCRIPTION** Professional cut outs around complex shapes
**PLATFORMS** Windows, Mac
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.extensis.co.uk
*SUMMARY* ***Complex masks, selections, clipping paths made easy. Perfect edges every time***

**£100 Street Price — Nik Sharpner Pro**

**DESCRIPTION** Pro image sharpening tool
**PLATFORMS** Windows/Mac
**DOWNLOADABLE TRIAL** www.nikmultimedia.com
*SUMMARY* ***Precise, controllable sharpening using a choice of criteria. Top-draw plug-in***

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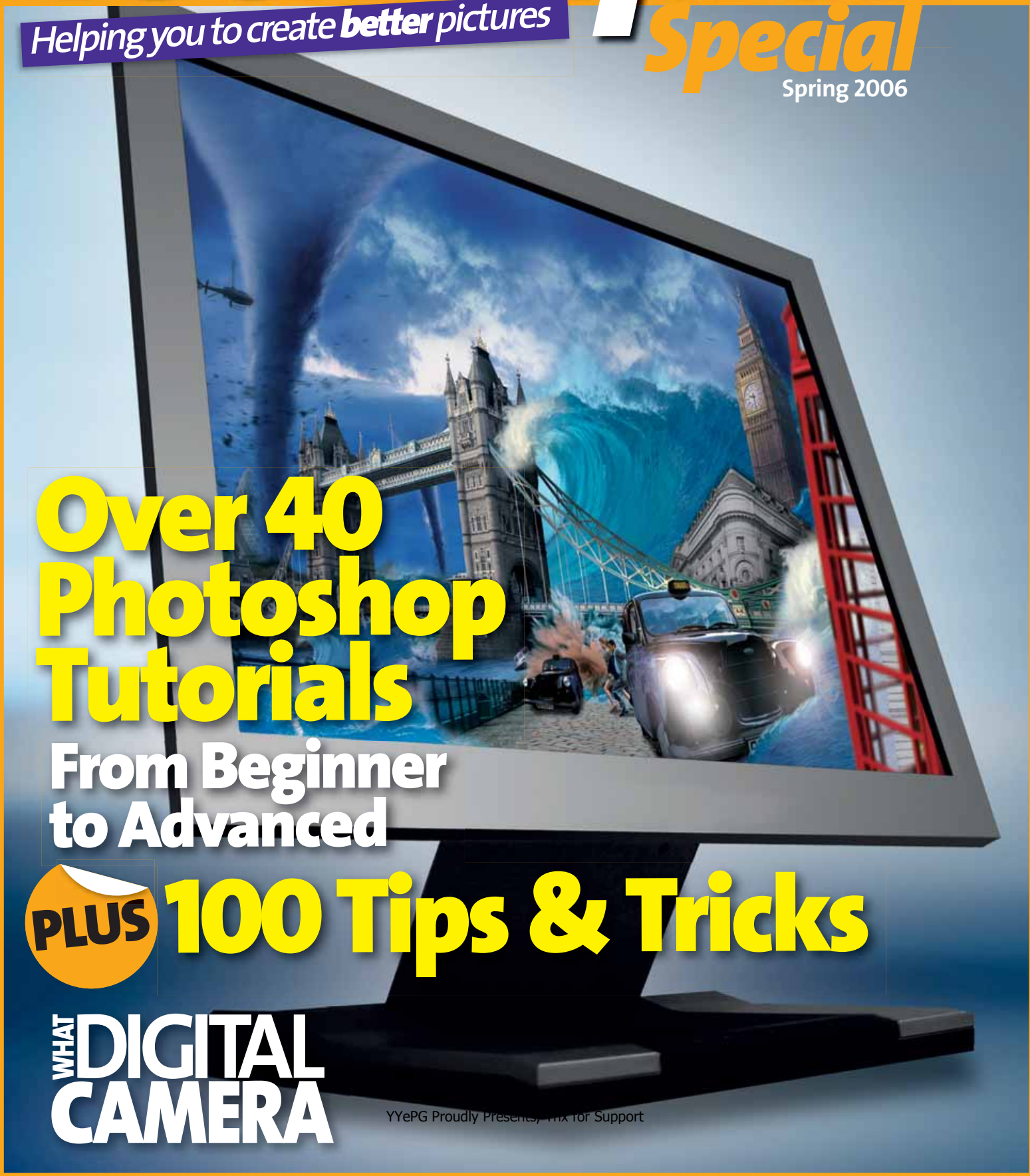

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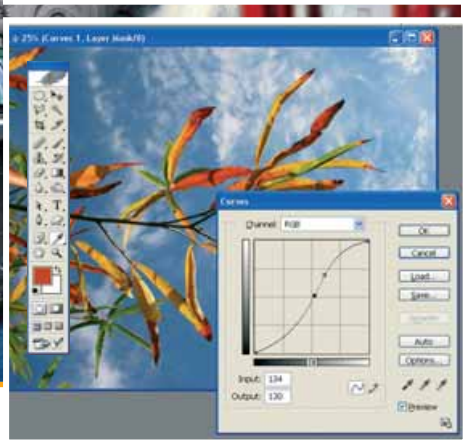

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*Introduction to...*

# Image *Editing Tools*

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS AND CS**
**LEVEL**
**BEGINNER**

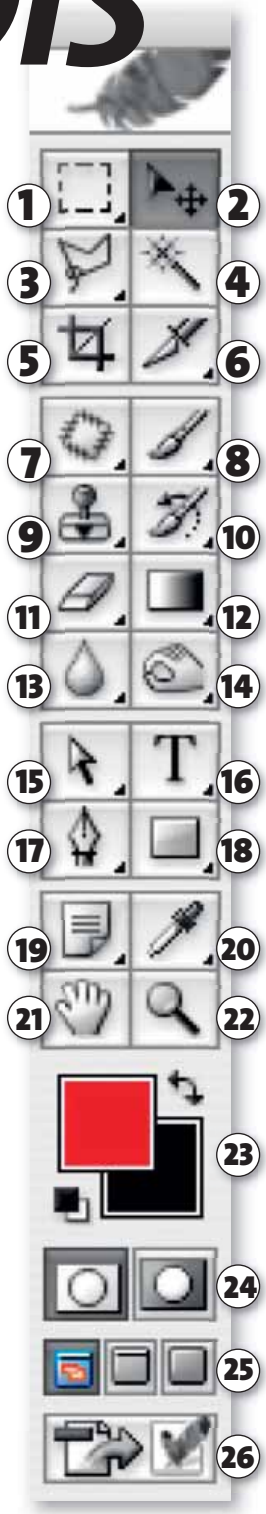
## The toolbar is the centre of the image-editing universe. It is here you'll find almost everything you'll need to fix your photos

**Photoshop toolbar is typical of most image-editing software packages. The tools are positioned in various work groups down each side of the bar, starting with Selection tools.**

When a selection is made with any of these tools the result is called a marquee, a thin line of flashing black and white dots.

The next set of tools includes the Brush tools: these all behave in a similar way by manually changing the size and softness of the brush. The text tool is also found in this group.

Image Correction tools are great for achieving overall effects to make your pictures perfect. Then you have the General tools, which is a set of tools that help you navigate around your image, select colours and even repair unsightly blemishes. Last, you have the forground and background colour swatches.




## PHOTOSHOP CS TOOL BAR

**1 MARQUEE** Make simple selections.
**2 MOVE TOOL** Use this to drag objects around a layer.
**3 LASOO** Make more controlled selections.
**4 MAGIC WAND** Make pixel-based selections.
**5 CROP** Delete unwanted areas of an image.
**6 SLICE** Web-based cutting tool to divide an image.
**7 PATCH** Used for controlled retouching.
**8 BRUSH** Use this tool to paint on colour or masks.
**9 CLONE** Duplicate sampled pixels and apply them.
**10 HISTORY BRUSH** Allows you to repaint a specific state of an image from memory.
**11 ERASER** Erase parts of an image with this tool.
**12 GRADIENT** Fade one colour to another or to transparent.
**13 BLUR** Blur specific pixels.
**14 DODGE AND BURN TOOL** Traditional darkroom methods are located here.
**15 DIRECT SELECTION** This tool allows you to adjust paths selection points.
**16 TEXT TOOL** Works like a normal word processor, generating type.
**17 PEN TOOL** Use this tool to draw controlled selections.
**18 SHAPE** Make simple shapes into selections.
**19 NOTES** Use this tool to apply sticky notes over your image. Audio notes can be made too.
**20 EYE DROPPER** This tool samples individual pixel colours for the swatch palette.
**21 HAND TOOL** Move an image around your screen if you have zoomed in.
**22 ZOOM TOOL** Enlarge the viewing area of the image.
**23 SWATCH PALETTE** The foreground colour on top is the active colour and the background colour behind can be swapped by clicking on the small arrow.
**24 QUICK MASK** Use this function when you want create a mask.
**25 VIEW MODE** Use these buttons when you want to view your image without desktop or tool clutter.
**26 IMAGE READY** Use this area to launch Adobe Image Ready software.

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# Photoshop *Elements Tools*

### THE MARQUEE

These tools are used to select rectangular or ellipse shaped areas, which can then be worked on without affecting the rest of the image. They are defined by a thin line of flashing black and white dots.

### LAYER OR MOVE TOOL

When a layer is selected, this tool allows the image on the layer to be moved in any direction.

### LASSO

The useful tools allow you to 'draw' around irregular shapes within the image, such as people. Variations on the basic lasso include the POLYGONAL LASSO (which traces from point to point) and the MAGNETIC LASSO (which 'sticks' to lines and edges).

### THE MAGIC WAND

The 'magic' WAND lets you select pixels of a similar colour. The degree of colour similarity of selected pixels can be adjusted, and it can be set to select pixels from anywhere within the image or just those adjoining the point that you choose to click on.

### THE SELECTION BRUSH

The useful SELECTION BRUSH enables you to 'paint' a selection marquee anywhere on your image. Ideal for irregular shapes.

### CROP TOOL

The CROP tool allows you to crop any part of an image by drawing a selection box around the required area. The area outside the selection will be deleted.

### THE SHAPE TOOL

The SHAPE TOOLS enable you to draw paths. There are seven variations in this nest. This is the custom shape tool.

### THE TYPE TOOL

Not actually a brush tool, the TYPE tool is used to put text onto the image. Nested variations include VERTICAL and MASKING type tools.

### THE PAINT BUCKET

The icon that looks like a PAINT BUCKET is exactly that. It fills any selected area with a pre-determined solid colour.

### THE GRADIENT

Again, not really a brush tool, the GRADIENT tool graduates a colour or effect within a selection and is great for making backgrounds.

### PAINT BRUSHES

The BRUSH tool 'paints' colours, masks etc onto the image. Its size, shape etc can be adjusted. It can also be set to act like an airbrush.

### THE PENCIL

The PENCIL tool is similar to the brush but has different qualities. As with the brush tool the size, shape, etc can be adjusted.

### THE ERASER

The ERASER removes pixels with a mouse-click. It can take on several forms such as an airbrush, a pencil or a block.

### THE REDEYE

You will be amazed at how the REDEYE tool simply wipes away those annoying redeye effects that occur in many flash photos.

### THE BLUR TOOL

Has the ability to soften pixel areas giving them a blurred feel.

### THE SHARPEN TOOL

This has the ability to sharpen pixel areas and make them more crisp.

### SPONGE TOOL

The SPONGE tool literally washes – desaturates – your image, and affects the contrast.

### THE SMUDGE TOOL

The SMUDGE tool allows you to 'push' pixels around, treats the image something like wet sand.

### THE DODGE TOOL

Holds back light, in a digital way, creating an underexposed effect.

### THE BURN TOOL

Darkens the image, creating an overexposed effect.

### THE CLONE TOOL

Picks up pixels from an area of your image and 'puts' them down again wherever you paint.

### THE EYE DROPPER

Allows you to select a colour and place it into either the foreground colour or background colour swatch.

### THE HAND TOOL

Enables you to scroll around the image to see different parts.

### ZOOM TOOL

Behaves exactly as you would expect, zooming in and out of your image so you can see detail.

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# Scan We Fix it?

Making your existing prints into digital images is simple using a scanner, but the results may need working on. Follow these tips below for perfect scans

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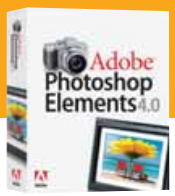
**BEGINNER**




**We've all got boxes and folders of prints hidden away around the house, but what to do with them in this digital age? Full-colour scanners are so affordable now that even if you don't own a digital camera, this option is a great way to get them into the computer.**

First-time users may be a little bamboozled by the scanned results that appear on their screens, however. The image maybe a little askew, too dark and definitely not the right colour, but keep in mind that scanning is just the first step. Most photographers perform a series of standard adjustments on their pictures as soon as the scanner finishes its work. Designed to correct and enhance the picture, these basic steps should become a regular part of your scanning process.

Now you can learn how to scan like a pro and get great results every time with our easy-to-follow tutorial.

## BUYING ADVICE

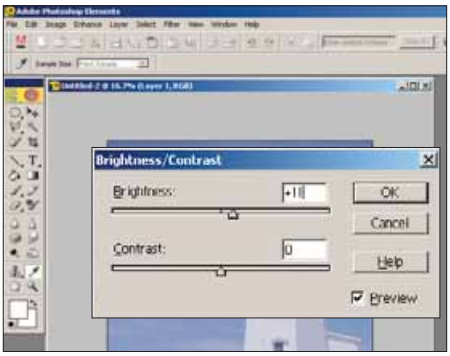
Choosing the right scanner for you is easy if you know what to look for. The key indicator of quality is the resolution, which is how many pixels per inch (ppi) the scanner can produce – the higher the number, the bigger the print you can make. A 1200x600ppi scanner will give you great results for desktop digital printing. Be wary of a scanner that boasts a sper-high resolution such as 9600ppi, as this refers to a software-diven enlargement routine called interpolation, which can yield results of lesser quality.

You can also buy special film scanners for use with negatives or transparencies.

If you know you'll be scanning three-dimensional items such as books, look for scanners that feature a lid with an expandable hinge so that the lid can be raised a couple of inches above the glass platen.

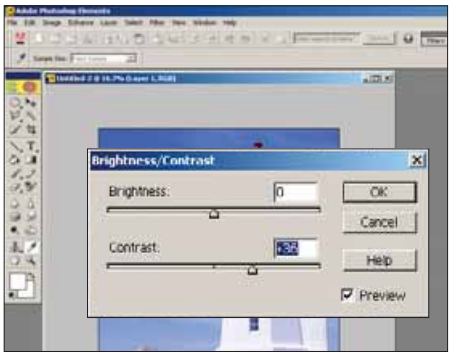
## 1 Straighten *pic*

It's likely that the first step you'll need to perform is to straighten the picture (even experts don't always get them straight in the scanner!). At the same time crop away the extra white space surrounding the image. The easiest way to do this is with the automated **Image>Rotate>Straighten** and Crop image command.




## 2 Adjust *brightness*

As the example scan is a little dark and lacking in contrast, the next step in the process is to brighten the whole picture. Using the **Enhance>Adjust Brightness/Contrast> Brightness/Contrast** feature move the Brightness slider to the right and make the picture lighter. Be careful that the delicate white areas (eg of the lighthouse) don't disappear.




## 3 Adjust *contrast*

Now to add some contrast to the picture. Using the same **Enhance>Adjust Brightness/ Contrast** feature, this time move the Contrast slider to the right to increase the contrast of the scene. Again be careful as too much contrast and you will lose details in the shadows and the highlights.

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## TOP TIPS!

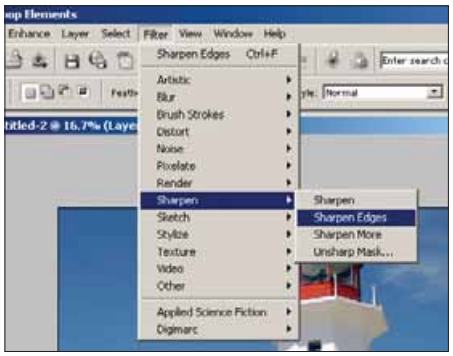
**Make sure that you don't lose delicate light tones or convert detail in the shadows to just black. If you make a mistake making these changes, then use the Edit>Undo feature (sometimes called the Step Backward feature) to reverse your alterations.**

**HOW TO DO IT USING PHOTOSHOP**

**Basically using the same procedure you can achieve the same result; however Levels could be used instead of Brightness/Contrast.**

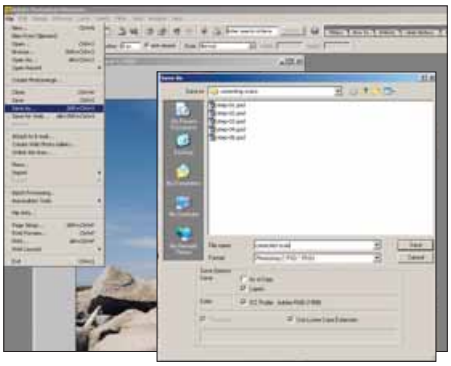
## 4 Colour *correct*

Now to the colour. This image seems to have too much blue in it. Use **Enhance> Adjust Colour>Colour Variations** which shows a before and after preview as well as thumbnails displaying different colour corrections. To remove the blue cast click on the Decrease Blue thumbnail, being careful not to go too far and make the picture yellow.




## 5 Sharpen *edges*

Unless you have Automatic Sharpening turned on in your scanning software, your pictures will need to be sharpened a little after scanning. Elements provides several sharpening filters that are perfect for this job. We'll use the **Filter>Sharpen> Sharpen Edges** option as it will only apply the feature to the edges and leave the smooth sky alone.



## 6 Save *as psd*

Now that our scan is looking pretty good, all we need to do is save the file. To do this we use the **File>Save or File>Save As** command. Type in the name of your file in the File Name text box and select Photoshop (.psd) as your file format. This is the most versatile format for storing your pictures.

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# Colour Casts

Colour casts can ruin otherwise perfect photographs – but you can eliminate the scourge of casts with a few well-chosen clicks

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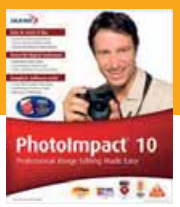
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS**
**LEVEL**
**BEGINNER**




**Most photographers don't find it too difficult to determine when a change in contrast and/or brightness is needed in their pictures.**

But colour is an altogether different matter. It's not that we don't acknowledge the importance of correct colour, it is just that sometimes it's not all that easy to come by. First you need to identify the problem and then you need to remove the cast from the image.

Happily, it's easy to make colour corrections with PhotoImpact. The two separate correction tools contained in the Colour Balance feature are both based on a visual approach. The 'Preset' option (tab) uses a series of coloured thumbnails surrounding a central preview picture. Each of the thumbnails is tinted a slightly different colour – Red, Green, Blue, Yellow, Magenta, and Cyan.

To correct your colour cast problem simply click on the thumbnail that looks the most neutral. The preview image then takes on the new tint and the thumbnails are redrawn. Continue selecting different thumbnails until the colour is fully corrected.

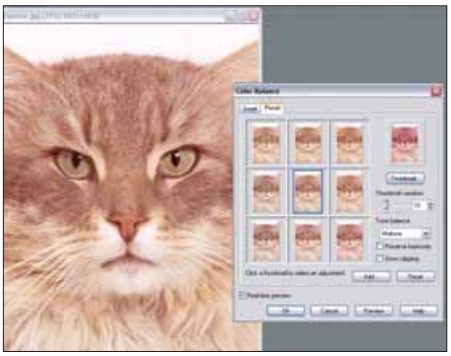
As an alternative, the 'Smart' option uses an approach that requires you to select the colour that the image should be and PhotoImpact alters the image accordingly.

**Left:** The white balance display from the camera LCD screen. Setting this before you start will help you to avoid colour casts

## TOP TIPS!

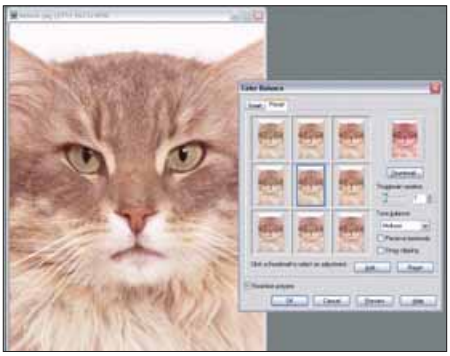
### AVOIDING CASTS - USE WHITE BALANCE

**The range and names given to white balance settings varies between cameras, but include:**
**AUTO: The camera adjusts the white balance as the light changes. Okay for daylight shooting but may struggle to cope with extreme changes.**
**DAYLIGHT: Sets a colour temperature of around 5,500K. The best choice for those who like to know what their camera is up to on their behalf.**
**CLOUDY: In cloudy conditions light is often bluer. This mode sets the camera to about 6000K.**
**TUNGSTEN: Also called Incandescent, this is the mode for domestic lights and lamps, (bulb or halogen) and sets a temperature of about 3200k.**
**FLUORESCENT: Fluorescent tubes produce an unpleasant greenish tinge. This mode adds some magenta to counteract this.**
**CUSTOM/MANUAL: For those who demand precise colour accuracy, in this mode you point the camera at a neutral area in your scene (eg a sheet of white paper or grey card) and it sets the precise temperature to remove any cast.**



## 1 Select *preset*

Select **Format>Color Balance**. Click the Real Time Previewing option to ensure that the changes that you make are reflected in the full image. Select the Preset tab. Click on the thumbnail that appears to be the most neutral.



## 2 Colour *change*

Don't be afraid to experiment clicking different thumbnails to see the results – you can always click the Reset button to undo your changes. When you're happy with the results click OK to process the colour change.

## 3 Smart *tab*

Click the Smart tab for the Current Color and Desired Color swatches. Select the correct colour for a specific picture part by clicking inside Desired Color. Click on this image part in the preview. The whole image will be changed. Click OK to complete.

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# Creative Cropping

## Most of us don't get the perfect shot every time, but it's easy to improve your photos with judicious cropping

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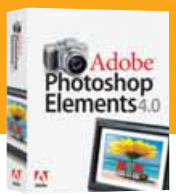
**BEGINNER**




**The act of cropping or removing parts of a picture that are unwanted is a skill that most digital photographers use regularly.**

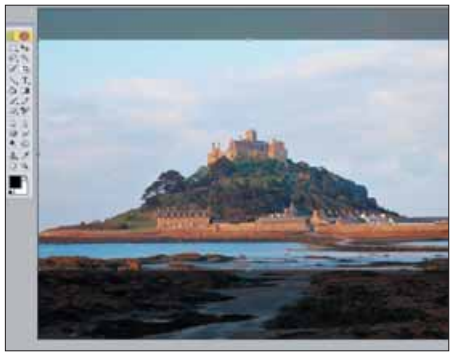
Apart from those seemingly rare occasions when you have the time (and good fortune) to be able to carefully construct the perfectly balanced composition, most pictures can be improved with a little cropping. It is a way for us to reframe our photographs after the fact.

Photoshop Elements (and in fact all image editing programs I have every used) has specially designed cropping feature called the Crop tool. Digital cropping is just a simple matter of drawing a rectangle around the parts of the picture that you wish to keep, leaving the sections that will be removed outside of the marquee. In Photoshop Elements areas outside the cropping marquee are shaded a specific colour (usually semi-transparent black) to allow the viewer to imagine the results of the crop.

The marquee can be resized or reshaped at anytime by click-dragging one of the handles on the edges and corners. When you are satisfied with your crop you can execute the command by double clicking your cursor inside the cropping marquee, pushing the Enter key or clicking on the 'tick' in the options bar.

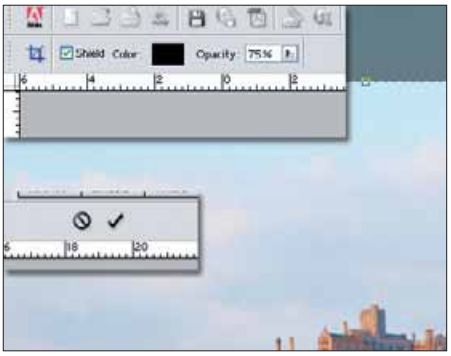
## TOP TIPS!

**FRONT IMAGE BUTTON**
**If you want the dimensions and resolution of an image to become the settings used to crop a second picture, then select the original and click the Front Image button to input the settings into the crop tool.**



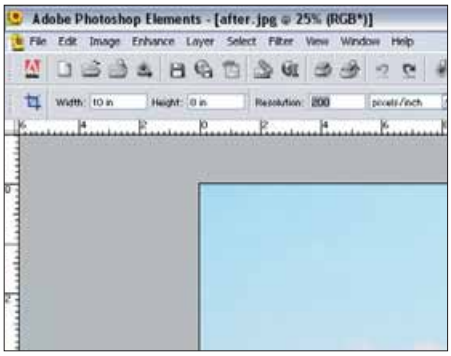
### 1 Select *crop tool*

Select the **Crop tool** and click-drag a marquee over the parts of the picture you want to keep. You don't have to be exact, as you can adjust the size and shape of the marquee using the handles.



### 2 Tinted *area*

Elements tints the area of the picture to be removed. You can alter the colour and opacity of this shading (called the Shield) using the settings in the options bar. Click the 'tick' in the bar.




### 3 Specific *size*

You can make a crop of a specific size and resolution by adding these values to the options bar before drawing the cropping marquee. This way you can crop and resize in just one step.

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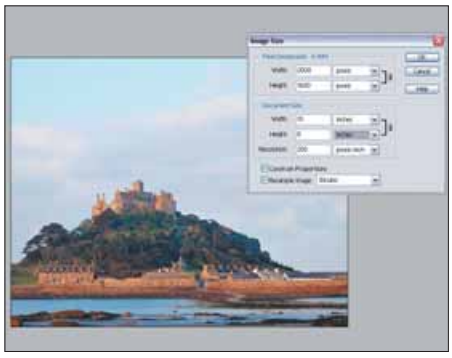
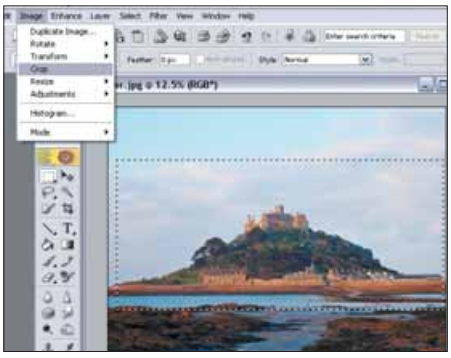
## 4 Draw *the crop*

With the dimensions and resolution values set when you click-drag the crop tool it will only draw rectangles the size and shape of the values you have entered.



## 5 Automatic *crop*

Elements will automatically crop and resize the picture. Here we're going to print on a sheet of 10x8in paper at a resolution of 200ppi. Checking **Image>Resize>Image Size** confirms the resize.



## 6 Another *one*

Another cropping technique makes use of a drawn rectangular selection or marquee to define the size and shape of the crop. Draw the marquee and select Crop from the Image menu.

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# Get *it Straight*

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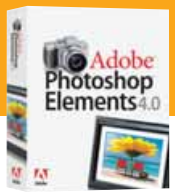
**INTERMEDIATE**




## After a few simple steps in Photoshop, perspective distortion of buildings need no longer be a problem

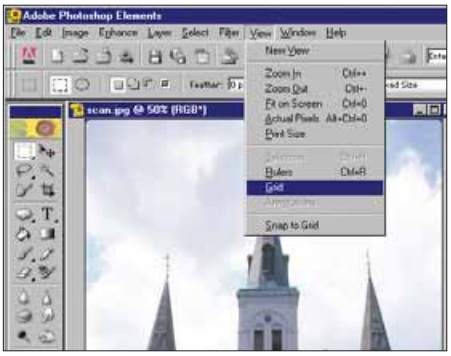
**You know the story – you visit a wonderful city on holiday wanting to capture as much of the local scenes and architecture as possible.**

You point your camera towards an impressive spired building only to find that you need to tilt your camera upwards in order to get the entire spires, including their tips, into the picture. It's only when you are back at home and about to print your photograph that you realise that that innocent 'tilt' has caused the edges of the building to lean inwards in the image.

But don't worry. Armed with your favourite image-editing program – here we've used Adobe Photoshop Elements – and our easy-to-follow steps below, it's simple to straighten all those leaning architectural shots.

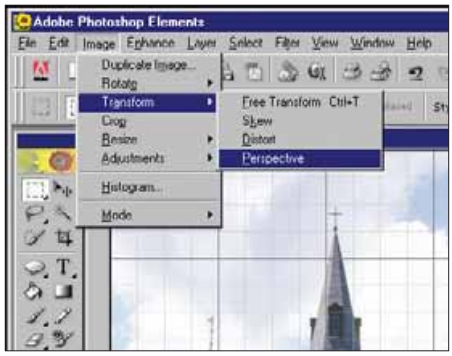
## TOP TIPS!

**JUDGE YOUR SHAPES**
**Use the shape of circular objects such as the clock in this photograph to help you judge the correct shape of the building**




## 1 Place *a Grid*

Open the offending image into Elements **File>Open**. Next, turn on the display grid by going to **View>Grid.** This will place a non-printing grid over the surface of the photograph.




## 2 Use *Perspective*

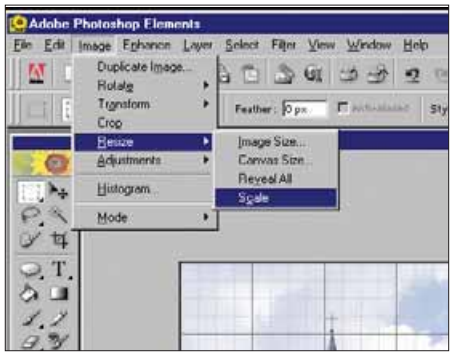
Move the outside two towers further apart to make them parallel using the Perspective feature, which is designed to increase or decrease the perspective effect in images. Select the feature by going to **Image>Transform>Perspective**.

## 3 Make *into a Layer*

If you get a warning sign saying that 'transformations (perspective changes) can only be applied to layers and would you like to make your picture into a layer?', choose OK then name your new layer or just leave it as Layer.

## 4 Drag *Outwards*

Grab either of the top left or right handles and drag them outwards. This will move the sides of the building out as well. Continue until the building's edges line up with a grid line. Double click on the picture to apply the transformation.




## 5 Scale *Feature*

To complete the correction you will need to make the building a little taller as the tilted camera will have artificially shortened the spires. Select the Scale feature from the Resize section of the Image menu, **Image>Resize>Scale**.

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## 6 Drag *the Handles*

Notice that with the scale feature activated the handles have returned. This time when dragged they will resize the picture. Drag the centre top handle straight upwards to make the building taller. Double click on the picture to apply the size change.

FROM THIS...
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# Sharpening *Techniques*

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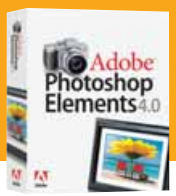
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS**
**LEVEL**
**BEGINNER**




## Sharpening using the Unsharp mask gives you a good deal of control in helping your subject to stand out clearly from the background. Here's how to use it

**Photoshop and Photoshop Elements provide several different choices for sharpening your pictures. All the options are located under the Sharpen heading in the Filter menu. The first three choices – Sharpen, Sharpen More and Sharpen Edges – provide a one-click change that makes your photographs appear sharper.**

The settings for each of these filters are fixed and can't be altered by the user. The fourth option, the Unsharp Mask filter (Filter>Sharpen >Unsharp Mask), provides greater control over the sharpening process by giving the user three sliders which can be used to alter the way the effect is applied to pictures.

The Amount slider controls the strength of the sharpening effect. Values of 50% to 100% are suitable for low-resolution pictures while 150% and 200% can be used on higher-resolution images.

The Radius slider value determines the number of pixels around the edge that are affected by the sharpening. A low value only sharpens edge pixels. High settings can produce noticeable halo effects around your picture so start with a low value first. Typically values between 1 and 2 are used for high-resolution images and 1 or less for screen images.

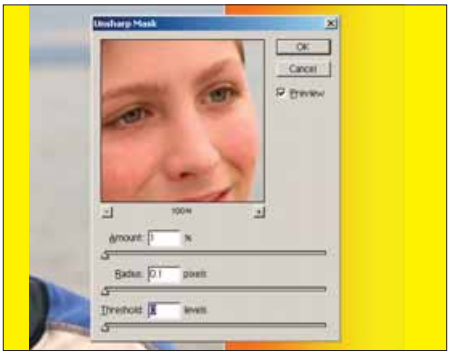
The Threshold slider is used to determine how different the pixels must be before they are considered an edge and therefore sharpened. A value of 0 will sharpen all the pixels in an image, whereas a setting of 10 will apply the effect only to those areas that are different by at least 10 levels or more from their surrounding pixels. In order to ensure that no sharpening occurs in sky or skin tone areas set this value to 8 or more.

## TOP TIPS!

**UNSHARP MASK FILTER** Be careful when you're using the Unsharp Mask filter. A little sharpening will improve the look of your photos, but too much sharpening is really noticeable and almost impossible to repair once applied. If you're unsure of your settings, apply the effect to a copy of the image first.

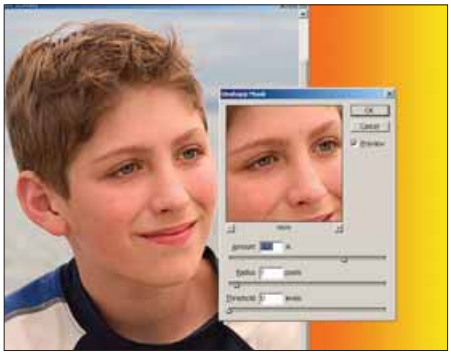
### 1 Zoom *in*

Make sure that your picture is zoomed in or magnified to at least 100% before selecting the Unsharp Mask option from the **Filter> Sharpen** menu.




### 2 Preview *option*

Select the Preview option in the dialogue box to ensure that the sharpening effects are shown on the full image.



### 3 Amount *slider*

Start with the Radius set to 1 and the Threshold value adjusted to 0. Gradually move the Amount slider upwards, watching the sharpening effect as you go.

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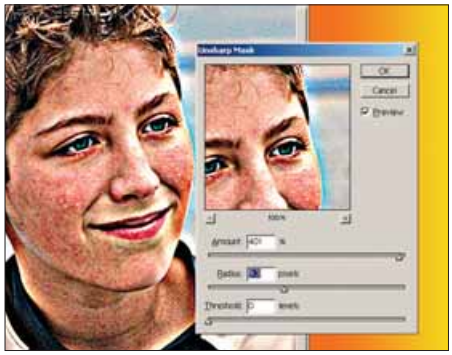
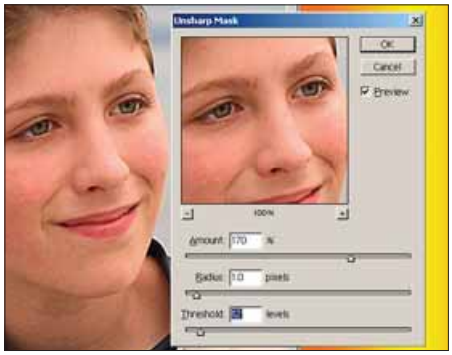
**Above:** In our example, the edges of the boy's hair and face didn't stand out very clearly from the background

**Right:** With a little sharpening, your focus is back on the mian subject



## 4 Unsharp *mask*

Stop when you find a setting where the picture appears clearer, but contains no obvious sharpening 'halo' effects.



## 5 Picture *edges*

To restrict the effect from being applied to skin tones gradually increase the Threshold until the sharpening is just being applied to the pic's edges.

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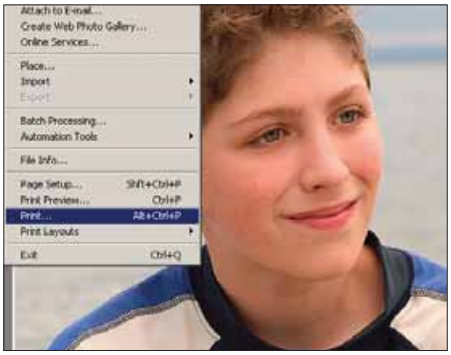

## 6 Final *step*

Make sure that sharpening is applied as the very last editing and enhancement step before printing or saving the image.

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*Make your own...*

# Digital Photo Album

Gone are the days of boxes of odd prints cluttering up the house. Here, we explain how to organise your photographs

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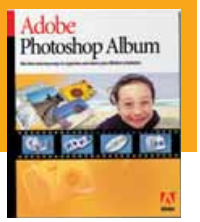
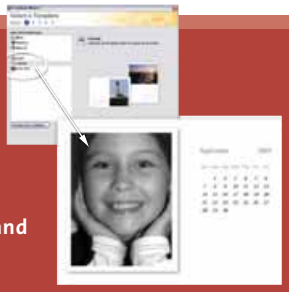
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP PHOTO ALBUM**
**LEVEL**
**BEGINNER**




**With a digital camera those boxes of photos will soon be replaced by hundreds of digital photos on your PC. And there's nothing more frustrating than searching through hundreds of digital files looking for one picture.**

If you ever want to find your pictures easily again, you'll need to put them in some kind of order, by making a kind of digital filing system. Fortunately, doing that is simple and there are lots of software programs such as Photoshop Album (which we're using for this tutorial) to help you to get organised, by providing features designed to help sort out your photographs, and tools that help you to search for individual pictures when they are needed. >>

## TOP TIPS!



**TAGS**
**Using the 'Tags' system in Adobe Photoshop Album you can quickly and easily sort out your pictures and group them by subject category.**

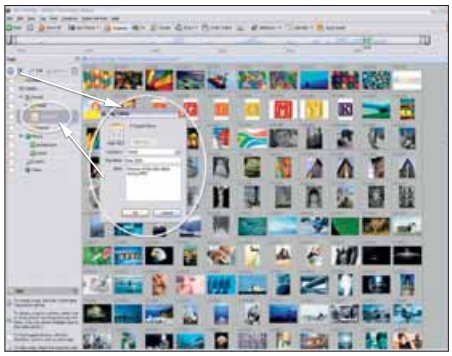
**CALENDAR**
**Output your groups of images as a calendar by selecting this option from the Creations Wizard.**

**GREETINGS CARD**
**Create your own personal greetings cards featuring pictures you have taken by first selecting the photograph and then clicking the Create button.**

**SLIDESHOW**
**Produce your own self-running slideshow using the Creations Wizard and a collection of Tagged pictures.**

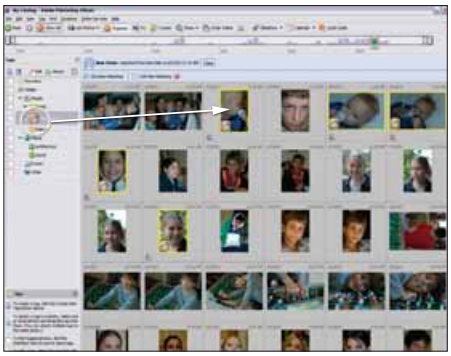
## 1 Tags *palette*

To start organising your images, click the Organise button in the menu bar. This will display a Tags palette on the left hand side of your thumbnails. Adobe Photoshop Album uses these tags to help to sort your files into subject groups.



## 2 Create *new tags*

Photoshop Album creates several tags automatically. You can create specific Tags to suit your own subjects using Create New Tags. With the Tag Editor open, simply type in a new heading and choose a category for the tag to sit under.



## 3 Group *pictures*

With your new Tags created and displayed in the Tags palette select a specific tag, such as 'family', and search for pictures that you want to include in this group. Click onto the thumbnail of your chosen pictures to add the Tag to them.

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<< It is estimated that the average home has around 1500 photographs knocking around. It's a fairly safe assumption that probably less than 10% of these have found their way into a photo album. The rest are squirrelled away in various drawers and cupboards. Even if they were all in albums it would be difficult, unless you were unusually obsessive about filing, to quickly lay your hand on a specific picture. Should we find that elusive print, and decide that we'd like to make an other copy for Aunt Edna, the next task is to find the negative. Assuming you could find it, you'd then have to hold them up to the window and decide, through squinting eyes, which of the seemingly identical negatives from the sequence is the right one.

Digital photography takes all this hassle out of keeping track of your images, and you can file and organise them for little or no expense. Here are a few tips and suggestions for keeping tabs.

## WAYS TO KEEP TRACK

**Camera numbering:** Every digital photo you take is automatically numbered by the camera.

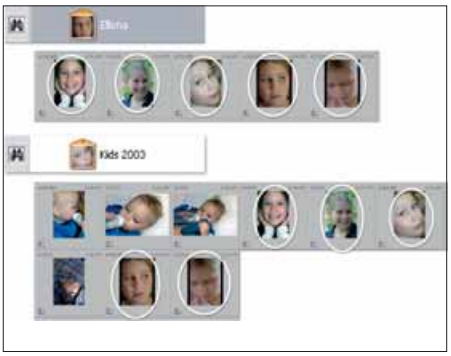
Normally the numbering starts again from 0001 every time you clear your memory card, but with many cameras you can set it up to keep going from where it left off. The benefit of sequential numbering is that every image you ever take on your camera will have its own unique number, and you won't have several dozen images on your PC all called 0001.

**Naming files:** Adding a name to each of your files, either instead of or preceding the number, makes them easier to identify. You could give them categorising names such as 'kids' or 'Lon' to denote London. Or add the year it was taken, for instance.

**Filing on the PC:** Once named, you can easily create a set of folders on your PC for each type of picture you take (one for kids, one for London etc). Naming your files also makes them searchable, so you can find them easily.

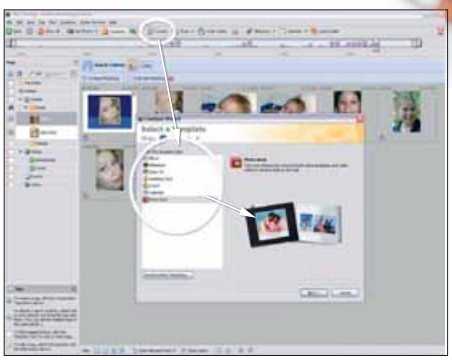
## 4 Find *and display*

Now when you want to find all the 'family' pictures all you have to do is click on the check box next to the tag that interests you, and Photoshop Album will then find and display all the pictures in this group in one window as thumbnails.




## 5 Multiple *tags*

Any picture can have multiple tags meaning that the same picture could appear in two different groups, making it even easier to find your photos. In our example the pictures of Ellena appear in both the 'Kids' group and the 'Ellena' group.



## 6 Other *options*

Once you've created a tagged group or album the program allows you to create a range of different items from your pictures. The options include slideshow, printable album pages, video CD, greetings card, calendar and bound photobook.

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**Above:** The redeye phenomenon is caused by light from the camera's flash reflecting off the blood-rich tissues in the back of the eye

**Above:** Carefully matching the colour painted over the pupils to the rest of the eyes makes the photograph look a lot better

# Remove *Redeye*

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS**
**LEVEL**
**BEGINNER**

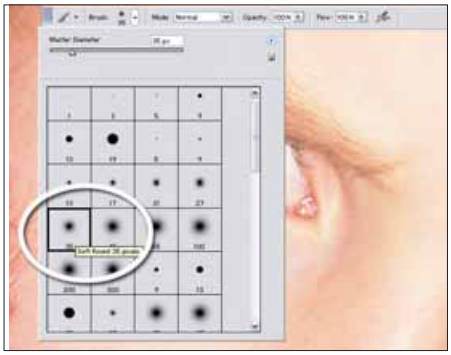
## Despite your best efforts, the dreaded redeye strikes again! But it's easy to fix...

**No matter how accomplished a photographer you are, one of the most often recurring – and annoying – occurrences must be when you get redeye in your night-time portraits.**

Despite the camera manufacturer's best efforts to include special redeye reduction technologies into their front-line digital cameras, the 'glowing eyes' syndrome still raises its ugly head in flash photographs of subjects in darkened environments all too often.

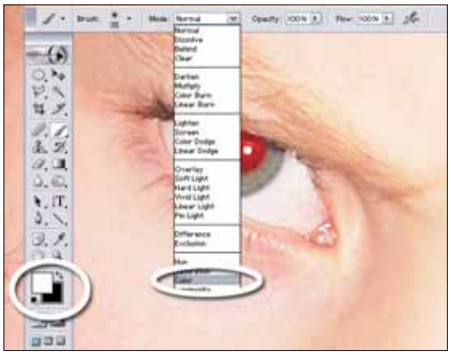
Most image-editing programs contain special 'redeye correction' tools designed specifically for the task of removing the alarming colour from the subject's eyes.

This is true for Photoshop Elements, which contains the Red Eye Brush tool, and for users of the latest version of Photoshop (CS) where the feature is called the Color Replacement Tool, but if you are one the many digital photographers who owns an earlier version of Photoshop then things aren't quite as straightforward.



## 1 Soft-edged *brush*

Start the process with your image open in the workspace and then choose the Brush tool from the toolbar. Click on the down arrow in the tool's option bar to reveal the Brush Preset picker. Select a soft-edged brush for your corrections. Enlarge the picture using **View> Zoom In** so that the eye is at least at 100% and can be seen clearly.



## 2 Adjust *size*

Move the cursor over the redeye and adjust the size of the brush until it's just smaller than the iris by pressing the square bracket left ([) to make it smaller and square bracket right (]) to increase its size. Make sure that the default colours are selected for the foreground and background swatches and change them by clicking on the small icons.

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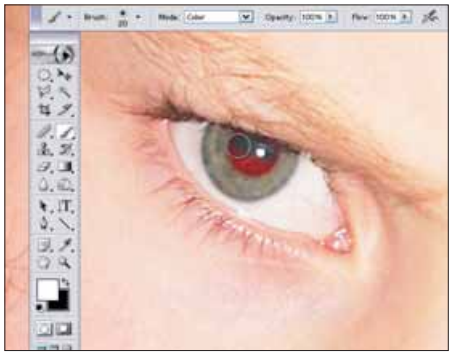
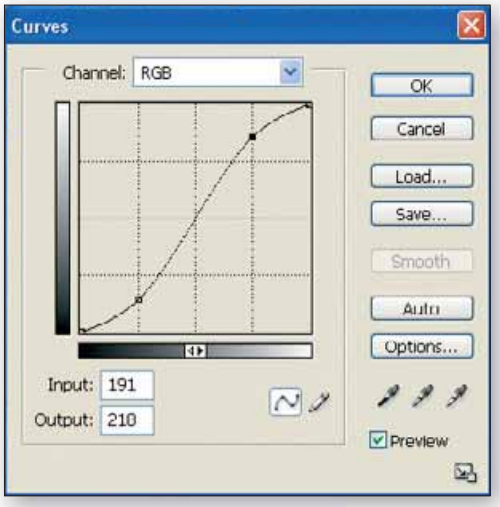


## 3 Paint *over*

Now paint over the red area of the eye with the brush. You'll notice that the red colour is removed from the picture and replaced with just grey detail. Be careful not to move outside of the eye area when you're painting, otherwise the colour in this region will also be removed at the same time, so keep your strokes and brush size nice and small.

# Using *Curves*




**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**

## Curves is one of the most useful tools, for adjusting tone, contrast and colour, and it's not as scary as it looks

**Photoshop's Levels and Curves are related but subtly different. Broadly, you'd use Levels to maximise your image's tonal range, from dense black shadows to brilliant white highlights. Curves, however, are used for adjusting the tonal distribution within that tonal range.**

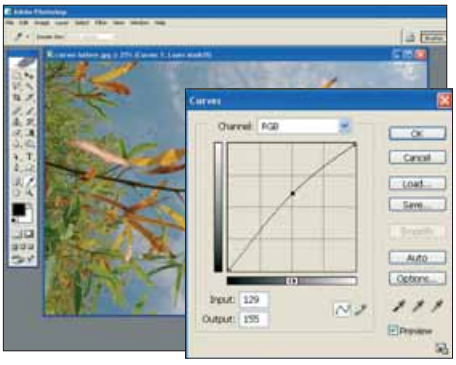
For example, you can use Curves to lighten or darken an image, without 'clipping' any of its shadow or highlight pixels. You can use it to increase the contrast in the midtones, shadows or highlights, or within specific tonal areas. There are lots of tricks to using Curves successfully, and we're going to explore some of them in this tutorial. The thing to remember about Curves, though, is that you never get something for nothing. Many images benefit from increased contrast in certain areas, and you achieve this by steepening the curve at that point. However, this inevitably means flattening it – reducing the contrast somewhere else.

For example, the classic 'S-shaped' curve increases contrast in the midtones, but only at the expense of lowered contrast in the highlights and shadows.

One of the most important tricks to learn with Curves adjustments then is just where your image is going to benefit from more contrast, and where you can afford to sacrifice a little to allow this. Keep trying subtle changes until you get the effect you want.

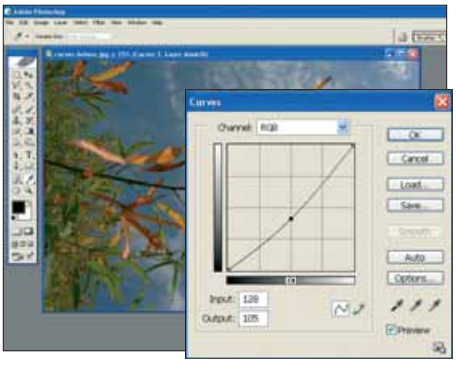
## TOP TIPS!

**MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT LAYER**
Use the pop-up button/menu at the bottom of the Layers palette to create a new 'Curves' adjustment layer. Use this new layer to perform your enhancements on. You can toggle the layer on and off to compare it to the original.



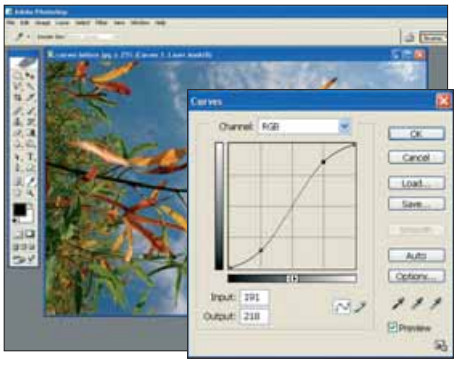
### 1 Increase *brightness*

The curves command is found by selecting **Image > Adjustments > Curves**. Click on the diagonal line to create a new 'point'. Here, we have applied a simple adjustment for lightening images. You just click and drag on the centre section of the curve in order to push it upwards.



### 2 Decrease *brightness*

Lightening our image has done nothing to intensify the colours. Indeed, many digital shots can come out overexposed and washed out, and the way to improve them is to drag down on the centre of the curve. This darkens the image and usually improves colours, though here our image still looks very flat.



### 3 Increase *contrast*

In fact, the problem with our image is not its brightness, but its lack of contrast in the midtones. To fix this, we can apply a classic 'S-shaped' curve. See how the curve is steeper in the midtone section. It flattens out in the shadows and highlights, but these are less important.

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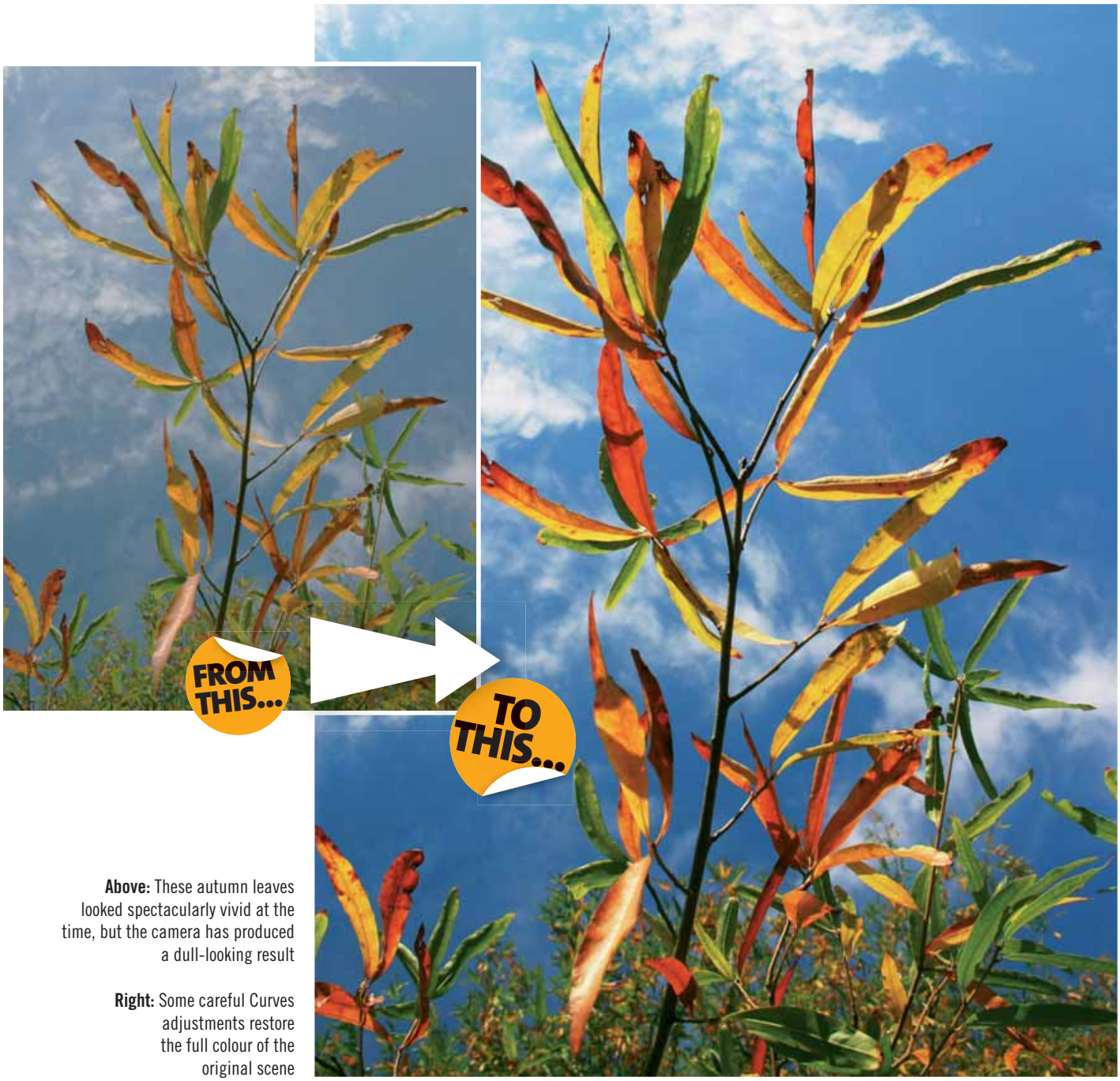
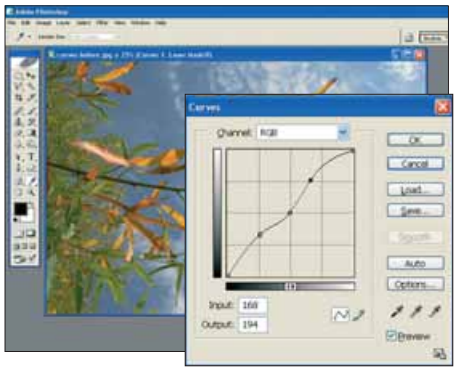


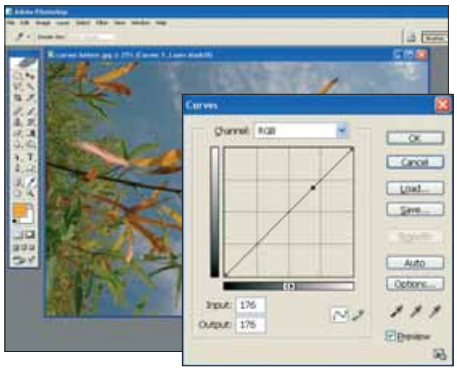

**Above:** These autumn leaves looked spectacularly vivid at the time, but the camera has produced a dull-looking result

**Right:** Some careful Curves adjustments restore the full colour of the original scene



## 4 M-shaped *curve*

There's one more curve shape you might find useful, and that's the 'M-shaped' curve. You can create this by clicking on the centre of the curve to add a control point, and then dragging upwards on the sections either side. This can boost the impact of dull, underexposed images.



## 5 Localised *contrast*

The secret to fixing our image is careful 'localised' contrast adjustment, for example between the yellow and the browns of the leaves. With the Curves dialogue box open, move the Eyedropper over a representative section of the image and **Ctrl**-click – this adds a control point to the Curve representing that tone.

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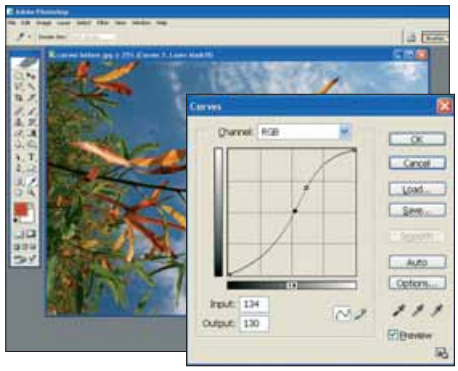


## 6 Tweak *points*

We can do the same for an adjacent, darker tone. Now, with the second control point still selected, we can press the down arrow to 'nudge' it bit by bit. This increases the contrast between those two tones. This is the best way to increase contrast in specific areas without distorting the rest of the image.

# Lens *Distortion*

## It's easy to correct two common types of lens distortion

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS & ELEMENTS**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**

**Many compact digital cameras with long zoom ranges suffer from pincushion and barrel distortion problems (see panel far right). Even slight distortion can really spoil landscape and architecture photographs. The distortion effects are at their worst at the extremes of the lens zoom range – at very wide or very long focal lengths.**

Photoshop contains a filter that can be used to help correct these distortion problems in your photos. Called the Spherize filter (Filter > Distort > Spherize) it contains a preview thumbnail and a slider control that adjusts the degree of barrel or pincushion correction that is applied to the picture. Moving the slider to the right balloons the picture and therefore counteracts the effects of pincushioning. Sliding the control to the left contracts the image and reduces barrel distortion.

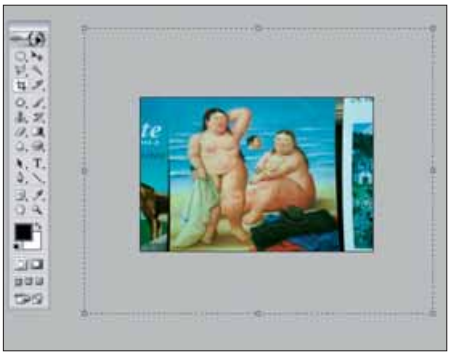
But simply applying this filter to the problem picture will cause some parts of the photo to be left unchanged – the corners – while the rest of the image is 'spherized'. In order to overcome this problem and apply the changes to all the picture, you'll need to add some space around the image before applying the filter. Use the steps below to correct the photos you have in your collection that suffer from lens distortion.

You can help to avoid these problems before you take your pictures. Unless the shooting situation warrants it, don't use extreme wideangle lenses, as these can cause distortion.

## TOP TIPS!

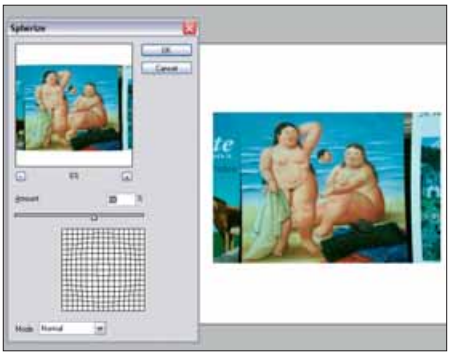
**TAKE A SERIES OF PHOTOS**
**Take a series of pictures of the location at different focal lengths. Make sure that you cover the whole of the zoom range of your lens. Note down the focal lengths you use if your camera doesn't record this as part of the EXIF data saved with the picture file.**

## Correcting *Pincushion Distortion*



### 1 Add *more canvas*

Select the Crop tool and click and drag the marquee so that it covers the whole of the picture. Now click on the marquee corner handles in the top-left and bottom-right and drag these outwards beyond the edge of the picture. Double-click in the centre of the marquee to add the new canvas space.



### 2 Remove *pincushion*

Open the Spherize filter (**Filter > Distort > Spherize**) and adjust the magnification of the thumbnail so that the whole image can be seen. Drag the Amount slider to the right to remove the pincushion distortion. Continue the adjustment until the edges of the photo are no longer bent. Click OK to apply.

### 3 Crop *and rotate*

Select the Crop tool and, after drawing the crop marquee around the picture, click outside the marquee and drag to rotate the marquee until the edges of the marquee are parallel to the photo's sides. Double click in the centre of the marquee to crop and rotate the photograph.

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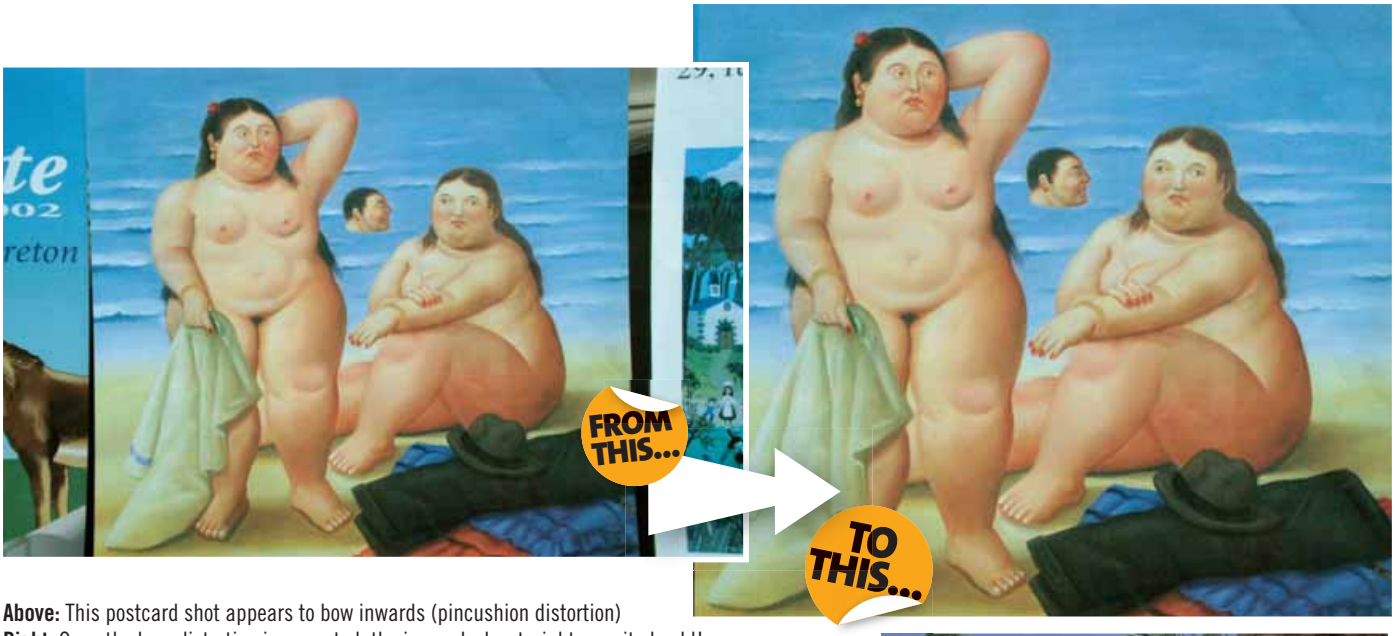


**Above:** This postcard shot appears to bow inwards (pincushion distortion)
**Right:** Once the lens distortion is corrected, the image looks straight – as it should!

## DISTORTION: THE TYPES

**Barrel distortion** is usually associated with images that are photographed with extreme wideangle lenses and is common with wideangle lens attachments that screw onto the front of digital cameras. The characteristics of barrel distortion are:
*• Straight lines that appear near the edge of the frame are bent • The whole image appears to be spherical or curved outward • Objects that are close to the camera appear grossly distorted*

The opposite effect to the barrelling problem are the results that are created with some telephoto lenses that suffer from **pincushion distortion**. In this situation rather than bulging in the middle of the frame :
*•The image seems to recede into the background • Straight lines that appear near the edge of the frame are bent inwards • The whole image appears to be projected onto the inside of a ball (curved inward)*

**Above:** The building and tree suffer from barrel and perspective distortion
**Right:** Corrected with a few simple adjustments

# Correcting *Barrel Distortion*

## 1 Add *more canvas*

Select the Crop tool, and click and drag the marquee so that it covers the whole of the picture. Now click on the marquee corner handles in the top-left and bottom-right and drag these outwards beyond the edge of the picture. Double-click in the centre of the marquee to add the new canvas space.

## 2 De-Barrel *picture*

Open the Spherize filter (**Filter > Distort > Spherize**) and adjust the magnification of the thumbnail so that all the image can be seen. Drag the Amount slider to the left to remove the barrel distortion. Continue the adjustment until the ballooning effect is no longer evident.

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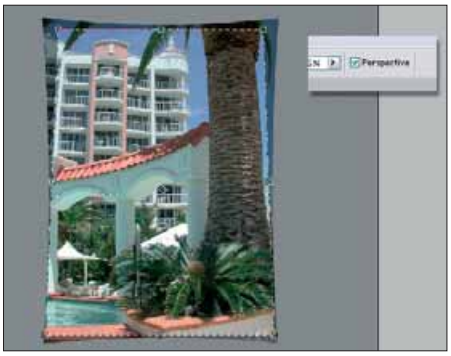


## 3 Sort *perspective*

Select the Crop tool, draw the marquee round the picture, and click on the Perspective setting in the tools option bar. Click and drag the top corner handles inwards until they're parallel to building parts that should be vertical. Double click in the centre of the marquee to crop and correct the perspective .

# Dodging & Burning

## Lighten or darken selected areas of your image with these traditional darkroom techniques

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS & (MOVIE-CS)**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**

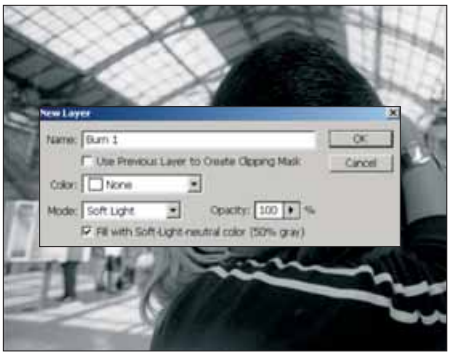
**The versatility and degree of control offered by Photoshop is wide ranging and enables us to manipulate images very efficiently by using tools such as curves and levels. However, there are occasions when even those tools cannot help us to achieve the pre-visualised image and we have to find alternative methods.**

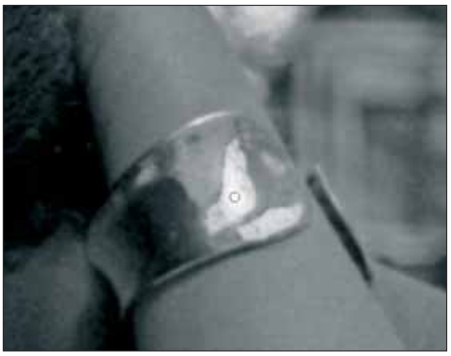
Local tonality control, better known as burning and dodging, can help to transform the mood of a landscape from a grey day into a sombre, stormy one simply by darkening the sky, or help subdue areas of an image that are too bright and detract from the main subject. On the other hand we can lighten deep shadows in a landscape or skin tones in a portrait by applying a little dodging.

Those of us who made black & white prints in the darkroom will be well aware of the black art of burning and dodging: how often have we got it just about right only to ruin the print by giving the sky two stops too much burning in, to end up with a featureless black? Digital burning and dodging holds none of those unwanted surprises, for the method here, using new layers, gives you total control over the process.

On those occasions when you get carried away and apply too much burning or dodging, all is not lost, for you just confine the layer you are working on to Photoshop's trash can, create another new layer and carry on where you left off on the previous good layer. Working in layers it is good sense to spread all your burning and dodging over a few different layers, gradually building up tonality, so that you never get to the point of having to throw away all the work done up to that point and start again from the beginning should you make a mistake and overdo the burning or dodging. The method of burning and dodging described here does not use the burn and dodge tool that is provided in Photoshop – instead, we create a new layer and by applying a tone darker than mid grey you can burn in while a tone lighter than mid grey allows you to dodge.

Very bright highlights are sometimes difficult to deal with, especially when you need to retain the impression of light but at the same time subdue the brightness. A typical example is a very bright cloudless sky that requires an even layer of tone to subdue it. When I have this problem in the darkroom I flash the paper using white light to put a delicate tone into the highlight. The Photoshop equivalent is the gradient tool that allows you to apply just the correct amount of tone that can be applied in one action or it can be gradually built up in several applications.



### 1 Layer *for burning*

Create a new layer **Image > Layer > New** and name it Burn 1. Set the blending mode to soft light and click the box marked 'fill with neutral colour'. Leave the opacity 100%, click OK. Switch off the background layer to see the grey layer just created. Go to the toolbox and ensure foreground colour is set to black when burning. Activate the brush tool and set a suitable brush size.

### 2 Burn *small areas*

Set the opacity of the brush quite low (5 to 15). You will soon gain confidence and use higher values. To start burning, click the left button on the mouse while dragging the mouse in the direction you wish to burn in. For small highlights such as here on the bracelet use a small brush size of about 10; this allows access into difficult corners without affecting adjacent areas.

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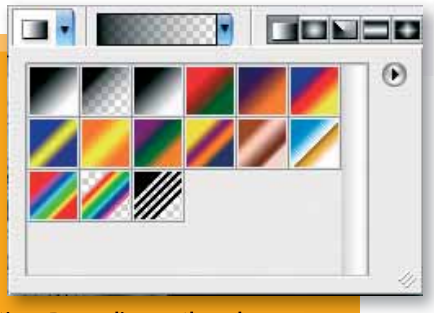
### 3 Layer *for dodging*

Set up a dodging layer in the same way as in step 1, naming it Dodge, but this time make sure that the foreground colour is set to white. Apply the brush strokes in the same way as when burning in. Here, I have used a brush size of 30.

## THE GRADIENT TOOL



**This tool is ideal for applying subtle blocks of tone to difficult highlights such as skies and other bright areas. In the toolbox, click on gradient tool then click on the linear gradient icon on the toolbar at the top of the screen. Always set a low opacity value to start with, and after a few attempts you will learn to recognise the correct value first time. Depending on the value you applied to the gradient and how far beyond the edge of the selection you took the cursor when you click dragged it over the selection and released it, you will have a graded tonality from light to dark across the selected area and the highlight will be subdued.**

**Below:** This image of a lovers' embrace is a little flat and lacks punch

**Right:** The final image has put more focus on the areas that really need it

## 4 Gradient *tool*

Go to the layers palette and click on the create new layer icon. Using the freehand lasso, we selected the board behind the girl's head and applied a 20 to 30 pixel radius. With the gradient tool, click on the linear gradient icon on the toolbar. Set an opacity value 22%. Place the cursor on the outside left edge of the selection, left click drag the cursor to beyond the selection, and release.

## 5 Showing *layers*

The image below shows the burn and dodge layers without the background. The dark areas are those that have been burned in – note the very dark areas that have been burned in on two layers. The white area shows the extent of the dodging that was carried out on the faces of the couple.

## 6 Final *image*

This is the final completed image. In the image, the contrast and tonality have been adjusted to direct the eye to the kissing couple without losing the feeling of light and space in Brighton railway station.

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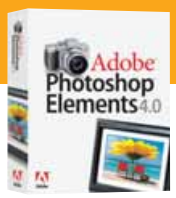
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP**
**PHOTOSHOP 7.0 , CS & ELEMENTS**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**




# Clone *Tool*

## It's easy to remove unwanted parts of your image with this great tool

**Scanning your prints or negatives is a great way to convert existing pictures into digital, but sometimes during the process you pick up a few unwanted dust marks as well as the picture details.**

Or maybe when you photographed your mother you didn't realise that the electricity pole in the background would look like it was protruding from her head in your picture.

Removing or changing these parts of an image is a basic skill needed by all digital photographers and Photoshop Elements contains just the tool to help to eliminate these unwanted areas. Called the Clone Stamp tool (or sometimes the Rubber Stamp tool), the feature selects and samples an area of your picture and then uses these pixels to paint over the offending marks.

It takes a little getting used to, but as your confidence grows, so too will the quality of your repairs and changes. In this example we'll remove the wire fence from the foreground of the picture, using the same tool.

## 1 Clone *stamp*

The Clone Stamp tool samples a selected area and pastes the characteristics of this area over the blemish, so identify the areas in your picture that need repair. Ensure that the image layer you want to copy is selected.

## 2 Similar *tones*

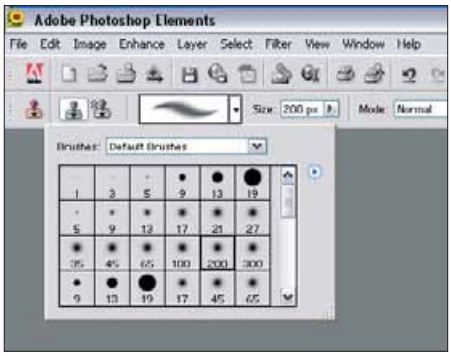
Next, locate areas in the image that are a similar tone, texture and colour as the areas needing to be fixed. It's these areas that the Clone Stamp tool will copy and then use to paint over things such as the fence wires.

## 3 Sample *point*

Select the area to be sampled, or the Sample Point, by holding down the Alt key and clicking the left mouse button when the cursor (now changed to cross hairs) is over a part of the image that suits the area to be repaired.

## 4 Click *to fix*

Move the cursor to the area to be fixed. Click on the blemish and a copy of the sample point area is pasted over the mark. Depending on how well you chose the sample area, the blemish will now be blended into the background seamlessly.


Adobe Photoshop Elements
File Edit Image Enhance Layer Select Filter View Window Help
Size: 200 px
Mode: Normal
Brushes: Default Brushes

## 5 Brush *size*

You may need to reselect your sample point if you find that the colour, tone or texture doesn't match the surrounds of the blemish. You can also change the brush size and hardness. A softer edge helps blend the edge areas of the change with the background.

## 6 Set *sample point*

Aligned sets the sample point so that it remains the same distance from the stamped area no matter where you start to click. Non-aligned repositions the sample point back to the original spot each time the mouse is moved and clicked.

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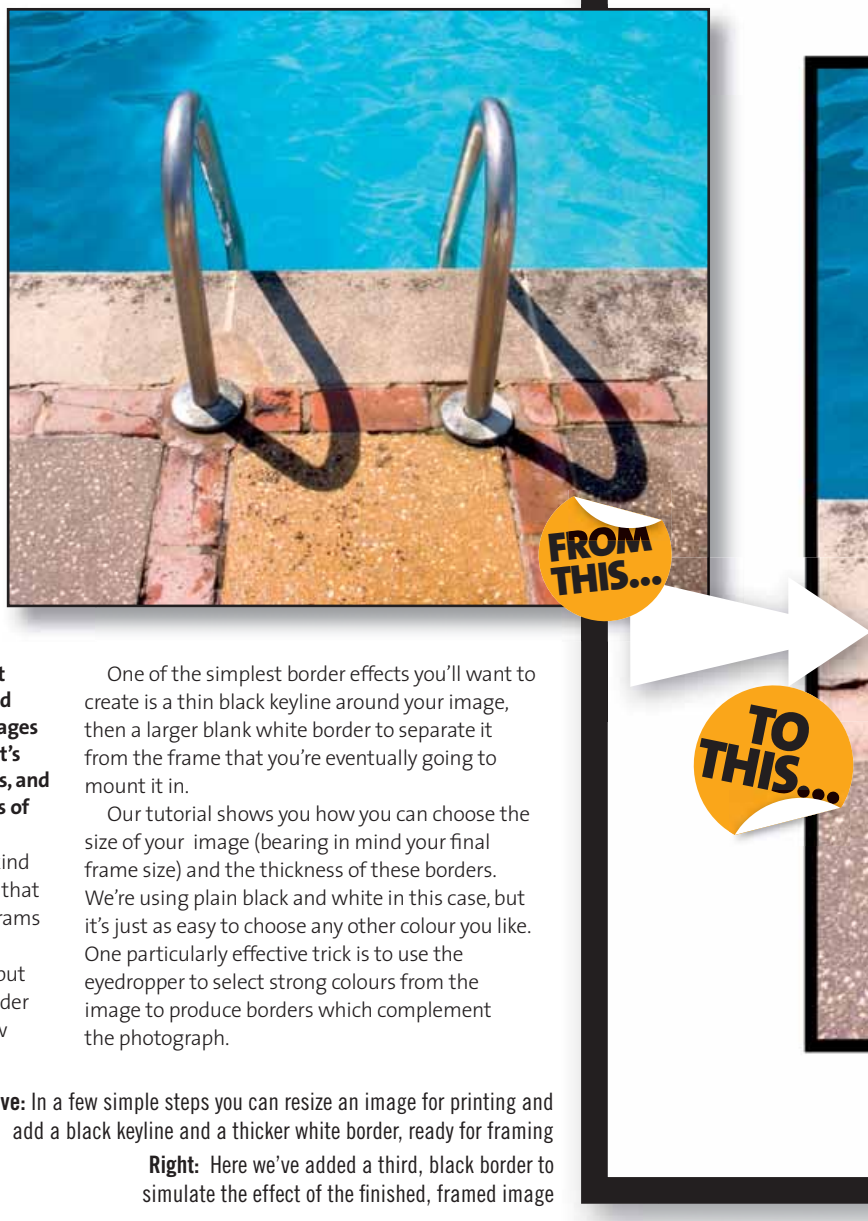
# In the *Frame*

## If a picture's destined for display, all it needs to set it off perfectly is a border. Nothing could be easier!

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**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS & ELEMENTS**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**

**If you've investigated Photoshop 7.0's Print with Preview option, you may have noticed that you can add black borders to your images here. However, it's a fairly limited feature that's applied right at the end of the editing process, and there are much better and more flexible ways of adding borders beyond that.**

Photoshop 7.0 doesn't, however, offer any kind of instant frames or borders in the same way that Paint Shop Pro 8 or other image-editing programs do. You can get plug-in border effects – PhotoFrame 2.5 from Extensis, for example – but don't worry, it's possible to produce many border effects manually in Photoshop once you know how, and quickly too.

One of the simplest border effects you'll want to create is a thin black keyline around your image, then a larger blank white border to separate it from the frame that you're eventually going to mount it in.

Our tutorial shows you how you can choose the size of your image (bearing in mind your final frame size) and the thickness of these borders. We're using plain black and white in this case, but it's just as easy to choose any other colour you like. One particularly effective trick is to use the eyedropper to select strong colours from the image to produce borders which complement the photograph.

**Above:** In a few simple steps you can resize an image for printing and add a black keyline and a thicker white border, ready for framing

**Right:** Here we've added a third, black border to simulate the effect of the finished, framed image

### 1 Set *the size*

If you want to add fixed border sizes, it's best to start working in specific image dimensions. Open the Image Size dialogue box and type in your chosen image dimensions. We've chosen 8x6in. (Leave the Resample Image box unchecked unless you want to add or remove pixels to the image.)

### 2 Reset *to default*

Our method uses Photoshop's background colour to create the border. Reset Photoshop's foreground and background colours to their default black and white by clicking the small button to the bottom left of the foreground/background swatches at the bottom of the tools palette.

### 3 Now *switch them*

At the moment, the background colour is white, so our border would come out white. We want the first border around our image to be a thin black 'keyline', so click the foreground/background 'switch' button to the top right of the swatches – the black and white are reversed.

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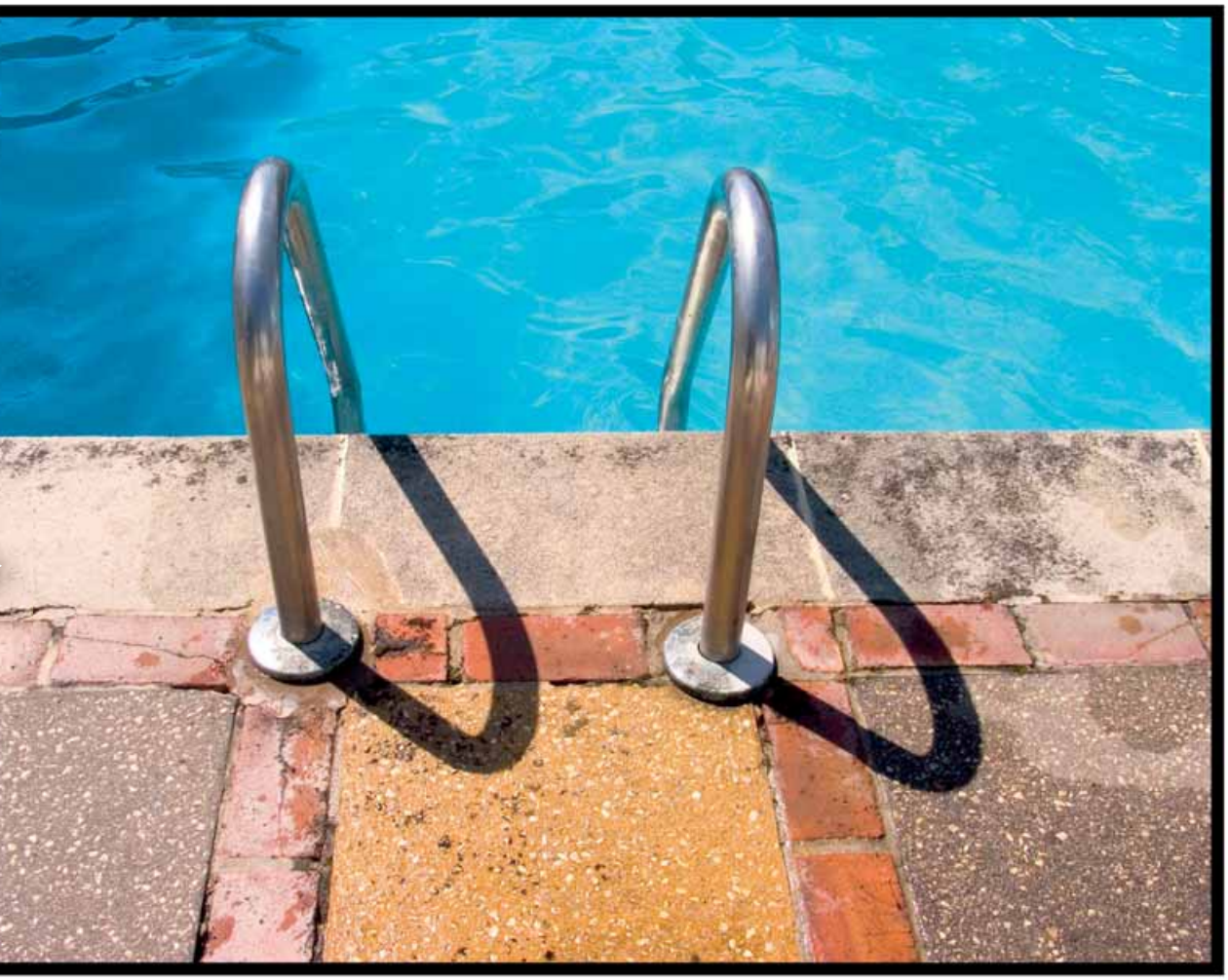
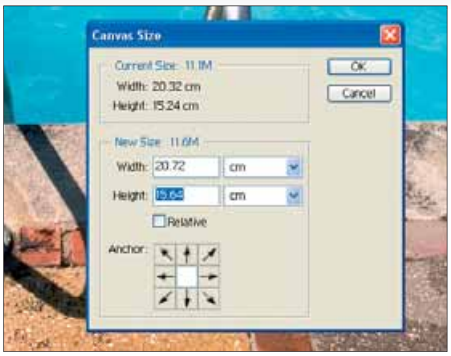
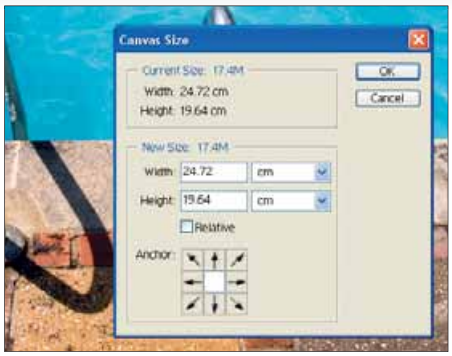





## 4 Enlarge *canvas*

Go to **Image > Canvas size.** To add a 2mm border, increase the values in the Width and Height fields by 4mm; you will find that 2mm will be added to each side, and 2mm to the top and bottom. What Photoshop is doing is adding 'blank' areas to the edge of the image in the current background colour.




## 5 Switch *them back*

You can see the black keyline added in this shot. To add a larger white border between our image and the frame we're mounting it in, reverse the foreground/background colours as before, re-open the **Image > Canvas size** dialogue box and add larger values (+4cm in this case).

## 6 Alternatives

You can use this method to produce lots of different variations. For example, many images, especially B&W shots, look better with a black surround. Here's another version with three borders – one black, one narrow white 'keyline' and a final black border producing an A4 canvas size.

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*Make a...*

# Contact *Sheet*

## Keeping track of your many images can be difficult – but it doesn't need to be with these simple contact sheets

**The term contact sheet is a term used in conventional photography in which an entire roll of film is placed on a sheet of photographic paper and exposed in a darkroom, thus creating small reference thumbnails of all the pictures.**

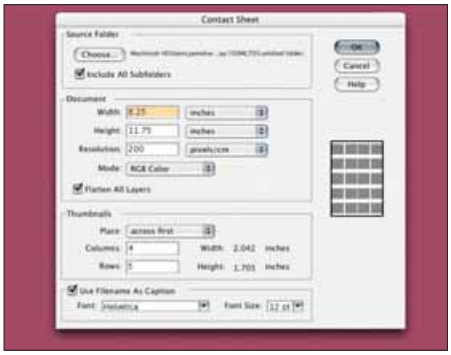
It's easy to create a contact sheet for digital images and is a useful way of looking at all the pictures in a folder without spending hours, and pounds, creating individual prints.

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS & ELEMENTS**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**

## TOP TIPS!

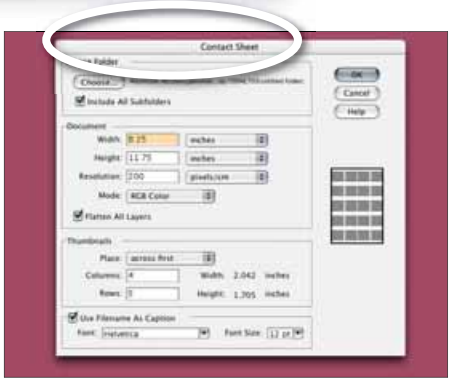
**CLEAR OUT YOUR JUNK**

**Carefully select the images in your folder that you wish to appear on your new contact sheet.**
**Get rid of any unwanted images to save time and paper later**



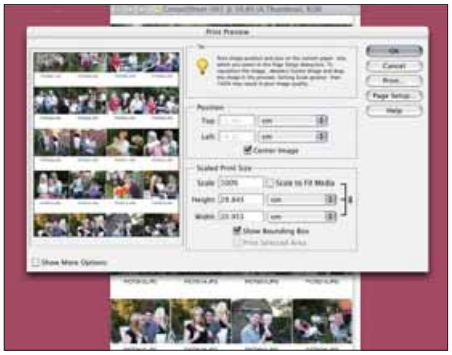
### 1 Set *the size*

From the image menu bar, select **File> Print Layouts and Contact Sheet**. In the dialogue box, select the print size and layout option you require.
Twenty pictures on an A4 sheet is generally a useful layout.



### 2 Source *folder*

Choose a source folder of the images that you wish to print. This could be the entire contents of a memory card for example, or a mixture of images you've chosen already. Click OK. It may take a short while for the images to be gathered.



### 3 Save *the sheet*

Save your contact sheet as an onscreen reference or print it out and show to your friends as a proof, before printing selected images from it.

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# 25 Top Tips

Follow these twenty-five great tips and tricks and achieve fantastic results

## CROPPING FOR SUCCESS

Use the crop tool to add strength and interest to your pictures by adjusting their format and shape. Also, try repositioning the main subject in a different part of the frame as a result of your cropping. In this way you could take a central subject and create a new photograph that positions this focus point asymmetrically. The image below is transformed into an intimate portrait (left) of two little sisters by cropping in tight and discarding the wasted space surrounding them.

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## DECONVERGE VERTICALS

If you have an image of a tower or high building that converges near the top, use Photoshop to straighten them out. Double click on the background layer to convert it to a layer. Use the 'transform' tool from the **Edit>Transform** menu. Use the free transform option to pull out the top sides of the image. When you are happy with the verticals, crop the image to suit.

## CREATE BLACK & WHITE FILM GRAIN

Recreate the dramatic effect of traditional black and white film grain in Photoshop by adding noise to the image. Convert your colour image by using the Channel Mixer, **(Image> Adjustments> Channel Mixer)**. Select the monochrome option and convert it to greyscale. Use the levels to adjust the contrast of the image, give it some punch and make the blacks quite black. To add the grain effect, select from the filter menu, Noise>Add Noise. Keep the setting to gaussian and use the monochromatic option. Adjust the slider to increase the effect.

## CATALOGUE & BACKUP

Okay, this is not the most exciting job on the planet, but just ask yourself 'Would I be upset if my hard drive failed tomorrow and I lost the thousands of images I have stored there?'. If your answer is yes, then you should start to back up those precious pictures today. You can write them directly to CD or DVD or use a backup program to transfer copies to an external drive.

## NO TO AUTO CORRECTION

Many auto correction and enhancement tools in your favourite editing program treat all pictures similarly. Because subjects such as snow-covered mountains contain an unusual amount of lightly toned and coloured details, it is best to ignore such features as auto colour and auto levels. Instead, use tools with more manual control such as levels or curves.

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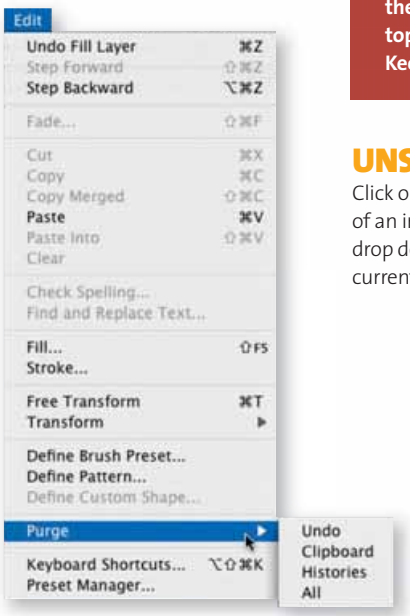
## TEXT RESIZING

When using type in Photoshop, you can resize and manipulate, add layer effects such as drop shadow and bevels and still be able to re-type any corrections.

## OUT OF MEMORY? TRY THIS

If you keep getting an out of memory warning on your PC when manipulating high-res images in Photoshop, try to decrease the history states in the preferences. You can also 'purge' the memory by going to **Edit > Purge > All**. This will erase any history or information in the clipboard, so be sure before you select this option.



SKY IMAGE

LAND IMAGE

## CHANGE A SKY

**If your landscape lacks a dramatic sky, but you have one from another image, combine them both to get that perfect image. Use Photoshop to add the new sky as a layer over the top of the original landscape. Use the eraser tool to remove the unwanted foreground. Keep the brush large with a soft edge.**

## UNSURE OF YOUR TOOLS?

Click on the small arrow at the bottom left side of an image window. Choose 'tools' from the drop down menu. This will then dislplay the current tool in use.

## SHARPEN YOUR IMAGES

Use the unsharp mask filter in Photoshop to sharpen up your soft images. This doesn't mean you can correct an out of focus image, but it can help bring out detail such as hair and highlights. Go to **Filter > Sharpen > Unsharp Mask**. Be subtle and don't apply too much or it will look obvious.

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## LOSE THOSE PALETTES

All those Photoshop palettes can take up a lot of valuable monitor space – if you want to get rid of them all, just press Shift+Tab to hide them. The same command will bring them back. The Menu Bar, the Options Bar and the Toolbox will all still be visible.

## JUST SHRINK THEM

Just double-click the palette's name tab and it'll minimise down to the tab itself. Double-click it again to get the palette back.

## VIEW YOUR IMAGES UNCLUTTERED

Hit the F key twice in Photoshop to view your image uncluttered and on a black background. This can help assess your work without the messy tabs and desktop.

## FLOATING MENU BAR

The Options bar needn't be docked to the top of your work area – you can dock it to the bottom of your screen or just make it float. To dock it at the bottom, click on the little tab on the far left side of the bar, drag it where you want it and it'll snap into place. To let it float, click the tab and drag it away. You can even hide it altogether by choosing Options from the Window menu. Get it back by double-clicking on any too

## VIEW YOUR IMAGES AT SPEED

In Photoshop, hold down the control key and press tab to cycle through a selection of open images on your PC. This is a quicker way of viewing your images.

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## MAKE A CONTACT SHEET

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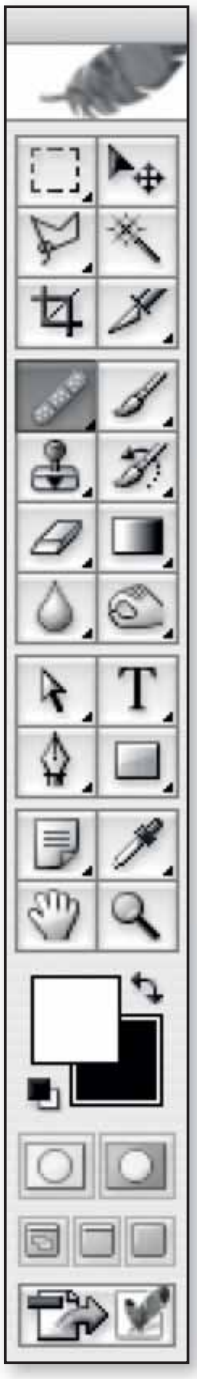
You can quickly end up with hundreds of images and lose track of what they're of. Making thumbnail 'contact sheet' prints of your files enables you to see at a glance what you have on file, without even having to switch on the PC.

## MOVE THROUGH TOOLS

Back when there were fewer tools in Photoshop all you had to do to move through a set of tools was to press the keyboard shortcut to toggle through the options, for example, repeatedly hitting P to toggle through the Pen tools. But now there are more, Photoshop has added Shift to do the same job – but you can go back to the old way. Just go to **Preferences>General** and uncheck the box for Use Shift Key for Tool Switch.

## WHICH TOOL?

It takes a little time to get used to what's where in Photoshop and if you're not sure which tool you're using, just click-and-hold on the right-facing triangle toward the bottom left-hand side of your image and choose Current Tool from the pop-up menu. The name of the currently selected tool will appear in the information box in the left-hand side of your document window for quick reference.



## TOGGLING ON THE TOOLBOX

Many of the tools in the Toolbox have additional flyout menu options (indicated by a black triangle by the tool). To toggle through these options quickly, just Alt-click on the tool and each time you do, the next option on the list will come to the front.

## GET RID OF LAYERS

Totally delete a layer quickly by holding down Alt and clicking on the Trash icon at the bottom of the Layers palette.

## STEAL COLOUR FROM ANYWHERE

One of the great new features of Photoshop 7.0 is the ability to sample colour from anywhere – including other applications, Photoshop's Toolbox and menu bars, and even your computer's desktop! Just make sure you click into your image first and then take your eyedropper wherever you want.

## DON'T SCROLL TO ZOOM

If you're zoomed in on an image, using the scroll bars to move around can be really frustrating and inaccurate. Just access the Hand tool by pressing the Spacebar to temporarily switch for easy navigation.

## ZOOM IN AND OUT FAST

Zooming in using the Alt key only zooms in one step at a time. Save time by pressing Ctrl and the plus sign to quickly zoom in and Ctrl minus to zoom out.

## MOVE AT ANY TIME

Toggle to the Move tool at any time by holding down the Ctrl key. When you release it, you'll be taken back to the original tool you were using.

## DON'T CANCEL – RESET

If you're making changes to settings in a dialogue box and you decide you don't like them, you press cancel, then re-open the dialogue box to try again. Save time by holding down the Alt key – the Cancel button is now transformed into Reset which sets the values as if you hadn't made any changes.

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# Soft Focus

## Soft focus effects to enhance mood shouldn't be confused with out of focus

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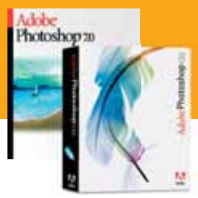


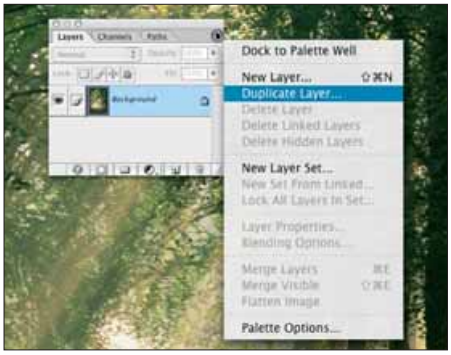

**It's common to see advertising and fashion images that have been shot using a soft focus filter, but it's not often used in landscape shots as the main aim of this type of photography is usually sharpness.**

In certain circumstances, however, the mood of a landscape image can also be enhanced by applying a soft focus effect, especially when there's a certain amount of backlighting or streaming sunshine.

As with most digital imaging manipulations there are several ways of achieving soft focus, and as always we're going to show you a non-destructive method.

**TOP TIPS!**

**MAKE AN ACTION**
If you have multiple images to apply this effect to, you can save the procedure as an Action to make the job easier and quicker




## 1 Overlay *blend*

We're going to use a very simple effect using Overlay blend mode. This allows us to make various image adjustments, but will leave the original image intact. Go to the Layers palette and click on **Duplicate Layer**.

## 2 Duplicate *layer*

Make sure you have the duplicate layer selected, then at the top of the layer palette click on the Layer blend mode button and select **Overlay mode**. Set the opacity to 40%. We're now ready to apply some blur.

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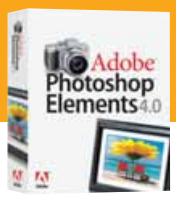
## 3 Blur *filter*

Go to **Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur** and the dialogue box will appear. Tick the Preview button and you'll be able to see the effects in real time. In this case apply a figure of 10 pixels, but this may vary from image to image. Save your results.

# Going *Wide*

Panoramic photos can look stunning and they're easy to do

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**




**Creating wide-format pictures is easier than you may think. There's no need for specialised wide-format equipment – all you need is your camera, a tripod, some carefully photographed sequences of images and a little time spent with your image-editing program to start producing amazing panorama pictures.**

## SHOOTING

Creating great panoramas is essentially a two-step process: 'shooting and producing'. The first part is all about accurately photographing the series of pictures or 'source images' that will be joined together. It is not just a matter of ensuring even overlap of the photos (though this is important). The images must have the same perspective and similar exposure, colour balance and focus.

Positioning the camera to shoot evenly spaced photos on a level plane helps joining programs such as Photomerge calculate a more precise stitch. Although you can manually support your camera to shoot photos for a panorama, it is helpful to use a tripod for capturing the sequence, and even better to use a tripod head that uses the lens's 'nodal point' as the pivot when you are rotating the camera.

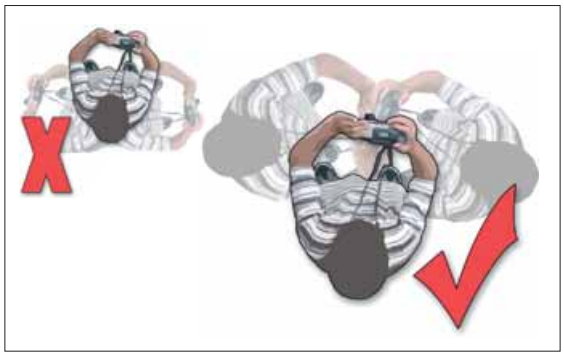
Best results are obtained when the camera is perfectly level. If it isn't, you'll need to trim the final stitched panorama. This can be easily achieved with the Elements crop tool. Don't panic if you don't have a tripod, just try rotating the camera around the lens rather than pivoting around your body. Also if you're shooting 'hand held' use longer focal lengths rather than wideangle settings as this will help with stitching later.

When photographing the series ensure that the pictures overlap by 20% to 50%. The program uses the overlapping detail to help match and blend the images together. Unlike when you are shooting individual images, it is important to ensure consistent exposure, colour and focus when capturing your panorama images. Changes between sequential shots will be noticeable in the final wide-vista photograph.

To help ensure consistency from shot to shot, adjust the following settings on your camera before starting.

Focus: Switch the camera to manual focus so that what's sharp in your pictures remains the same for all images.

Exposure: Meter readings can change dramatically from shot to shot, so it's important so set the camera's exposure



## 1 Select *location*

When you are shooting the source images, consider composition, position of camera, exposure and point of view as you would with any other picture. Look through the viewfinder and sweep the scene with the camera, previsualising the stitched panorama ensuring it contains all the detail you want and nothing that should be left out.

## 2 Camera *position*

If shooting hand-held, pivot around the camera rather than your own waist. Though not essential, it's best to use a tripod. Many professionals take the set-up one step further by using a special panorama tripod head which positions the camera and lens combination directly over the tripod's pivot point. (See above right)

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mode to manual.

White balance: If your camera has auto white balance then this too should be adjusted manually to suit the predominant light. Doing this will help to ensure consistency of colour throughout the whole of the picture sequence.

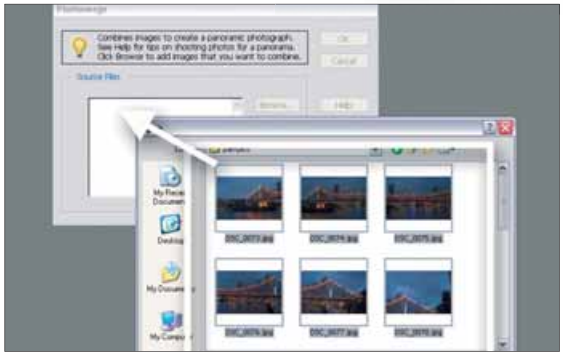
Zoom: Resist the temptation to change the zoom settings while in the middle of taking the sequence of pictures. Zoom changes will cause problems when it comes time to stitch the pictures as the edge details won't match.

If you own a camera with a special Panorama shooting mode, select that. This feature ghosts a portion of the previous image on the LCD screen at the back of the camera allowing you to match up the overlapping section of the scene precisely. This feature also fixes the exposure, focus, white balance and contrast for the whole of the shooting sequence. >>

## Featured Equipment

**TRIPOD HEADS**
Companies such as Kaidan (www.kaidan.com) and Manfrotto (www.manfrotto.com) manufacture special panoramic tripod heads designed to pivot your camera over the lens's nodal point when photographing a source sequence. These heads also contain regular click-stops which produce even overlaps between successive pictures.

**CAMERAS**
Some models (eg the Canon A95 and Nikon Coolpix 4500) offer a special panorama mode that ghosts the previous shot on the LCD screen so you can line up the next shot accurately. This saves the expense of purchasing a panoramic tripod head.



## 3 Camera set up

Adjust the zoom and focus to suit both near and far subjects in the scene. Turn off AF and switch to manual exposure and white balance. Attach a remote cable or use the self-timer to trip the shutter. Take the first shot, then rotate the camera, ensuring an even overlap for the next photo. Continue until the whole sequence is captured.

## 4 Load source images

In the Standard Editor workspace select **File>New> Photomerge Panorama**. The Photomerge dialogue will appear. Press the Browse button and then locate and select the source pictures from the folder where they're stored. Click Open in the Browse window to transfer the styles back to the Photomerge dialogue. Press OK.

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## EDITING

After shooting, load the source images into the Photomerge feature in Elements (**File > New > Create Photomerge Panorama**). This utility is included free within Elements and is Adobe's version of the stitching technology. The feature uses an automated process that acquires, positions and matches edge details of separate images to make a new single panoramic picture. Photoshop CS users might find the feature very familiar, as a version of the stitching utility is provided in this latest release.

When launching Photomerge you must first locate and load your source files using the Browse button and dialogue. After loading the files click OK to commence loading, matching and stitching the image pieces. As part of the opening process RAW and 16-bit files will be converted to 8 bits per channel. Photomerge is generally able to correctly identify the overlapping images and blend them in the editing workspace. In some instances, a few of the source files might not be able to be automatically placed and Elements will display a pop-up dialogue telling you this has occurred. These pictures can be manually moved into position later.

The Select Image tool is used to move source images around the composition or to place unmatched pieces. Click and drag any unmatched parts from the top of the screen onto the composition. For finer control use the Rotate Image tool to make adjustments to the orientation of selected image parts.

The Use Perspective option, together with the Set Vanishing Point tool, manipulates the perspective of your panorama. The first image that is positioned in the Composition area is the base image (light green border), which determines the perspective of all other image parts (red border). To change the base image, click on another image part with the Set Vanishing Point tool. To correct some of the 'bow tie'-like distortion that can occur when using these tools, check the Cylindrical Mapping option in the Composition area of the dialogue. The Advanced Blending feature can be used to help minimise colour inconsistencies or exposure differences between sequential images. You can't use the perspective correction tools for images with an angle of view greater than 120°, so ensure that these options are turned off.

After making the final adjustments, the panorama can be completed by clicking the OK button in the Photomerge dialogue box. This action creates your completed panorama, which you can then edit and enhance just like any other photograph.

### 5 Photomerge *opens*

Next the Photomerge work space will open and the feature will attempt to organise and blend your overlapping pictures automatically. In most cases if your shooting has been accurate all images will be correctly positioned. Pictures that can't be placed will be moved to the slide table area at the top of the screen.

### 6 Manually *position*

Ensure that the Snap to Image feature is selected (right-hand side of workspace) and then manually position unmatched pieces by dragging them from the top of the screen into the work space. For slightly skewed images click on the Rotate Image tool located in the toolbox (top-left) and drag the source image to pivot it into position.

### 7 Advanced *blending*

With all the source images positioned select the Advanced Blending option to help to minimise exposure differences between successive photos. If the vista covers less than 120 degrees then you can also select the Perspective option which uses a single photo as a base image and adjusts the perspective of the other pictures to fit.

### 8 Final *fine-tuning*

When Photomerge has finished you'll be left with a single layer document. Panoramas created with the perspective option selected will resemble a bow-tie shape. Use the Crop tool to remove unwanted edges and the Clone stamp tool to fill in any gaps. Fine-tune the final image with standard contrast and colour enhancements.

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# Add File *Info*

Add hidden information to images so they can be sorted and filed

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS**
**LEVEL**
**BEGINNER**

**So you've been away on your travels, taken more pictures than you can shake a tripod at and you are now back home, ready to sort out all the different images.**

Organising your images can be pretty daunting at first sight. But with the help of the File Info options in Photoshop, you can add searchable key words, enter dates and times and even locations and camera specs. File information – also called metadata – is important in all types of publishing.

In Windows and Mac OS, you can add file information to files saved in Photoshop, Large Document Format (PSB), TIFF, JPEG, EPS, and PDF formats. In Mac OS, you can also add file information to files in other Photoshop-supported formats except GIF. The information you add is embedded in the file using XMP (eXtensible Metadata Platform).

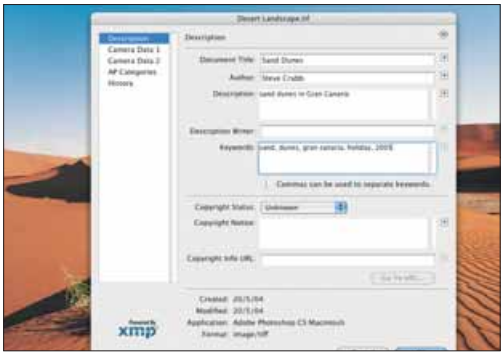
## EXIF DATA

When you take a photograph with a digital camera, you will automatically be saving certain camera data within the image file. This is called EXIF (Exchangeable Image File) data.

However, you must be aware that this information may be lost after any Photoshop enhancements. As a course of standard practice, ensure that you copy the whole image folder first, because this is the best way to retain any important information.

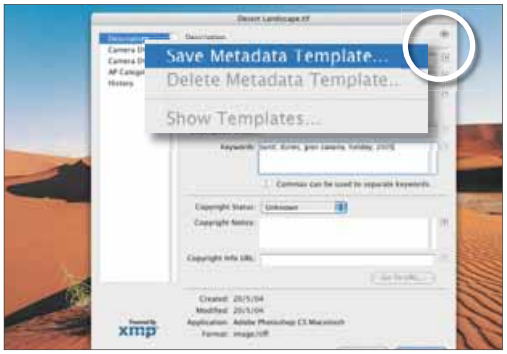
## 1 Copy *images*

Back up the whole folder of images onto a portable or external hard drive or CD/DVD. This may seem obvious, but backing up original files is essential for a lot of reasons. In this tutorial, the main reason we will copy the originals is because we don't want to lose the original EXIF data after any image corrections.



## 2 File *info*

With your image open, you need to select the File Info option from the menu bar (**File > File Info**). This will bring up the File Info palette. On the left of the palette are the input field options. Select each one of these to access the description, camera data, AP Categories and the history.




## 3 Enter & *save data*

Enter the desired data in your chosen fields (eg image title, description.) You can save this file or save it as a template if you want to repeat the same details into other images. Click the triangle icon at the top of the File Info dialogue, and choose Save Metadata Template. Enter a template name, and click Save.

## 4 Import *file info*

In order to import a file info template, you need to open your new image and select File Info. Click the triangle icon at the top of the File Info dialogue box, and choose a template name from the top section of the pop-up menu. Click OK and save. The file info will have copied over to the new image.

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# Convert Colour *To Black & White*

How would your colour images look in marvellous mono? We show you how to make the conversion

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS**
**LEVEL**
**ADVANCED**

**The options available in Photoshop has made it possible for many photographers, who may have concentrated on colour only, to start producing black & white prints.**

Colour originals, whether transparency, negative or digital capture are all excellent starting points from which to make black & white digital prints. However, the question we have to ask is 'what is the best way to convert from colour to black & white?' Photoshop offers a number of different methods; desaturate, greyscale conversion and lab colour are but a few available and they all have their supporters. Many photographers favour none of them, for the simple reason that you have to accept the default result the software produces. Instead they prefer Channel Mixer because this method allows them the option to manipulate the image at the conversion stage, giving them a bit more control and a few more creative possibilities.

The use of filters in traditional black & white photography provides us with the means to change the appearance of the image we are photographing. We have a similar opportunity in digital image making, by using the Red, Green and Blue sliders when using the Channel Mixer method of conversion. In addition to the extra control you have when using this method of conversion, you still have the option to further manipulate the image in Photoshop, so it does make a lot of sense to use Channel Mixer to convert from a colour original to black & white.

## CHANNEL MIXER

To convert using Channel Mixer, access the Layers Palette and create a new fill or adjustment layer, and the Channel Mixer box will appear on the screen. Click on the monochrome box in the bottom left hand corner to convert the image to black & white. There are three source channels, red, green and blue, with the red channel set at 100% and the others at 0%. This is the default setting. The constant channel is also set to 0%. There is a widely held view that when using this method of conversion the total value of the three source channels should be 100%, otherwise information will be lost resulting in blocked shadows and burnt out highlights. While this can happen, there are circumstances where this is not the case or where you might prefer total black or white in part of the final image for aesthetic purposes. Certainly we should not ignore the 100% rule, for it does make good sense, but we should first use our judgement to arrive at the image we visualise. >>

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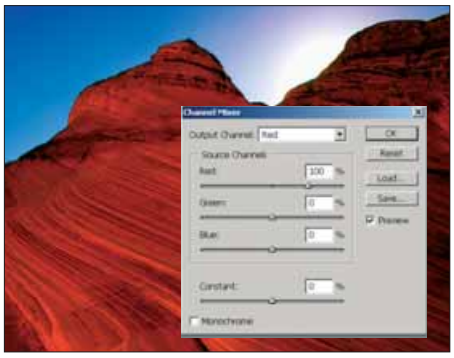


## 1 Make *a start*

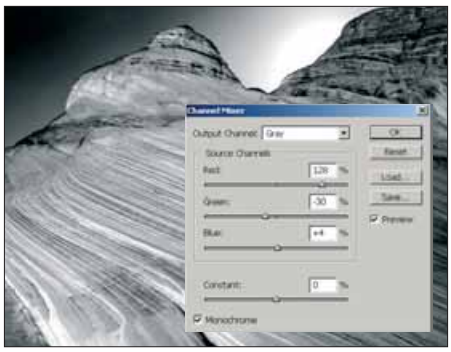
Open your image. Create an Adjustment Layer in the layers palette by selecting the small icon at the bottom. Choose Channel Mixer from the menu items. Click on the monochrome box, bottom left hand corner to convert the image to b&w. Default setting of the source channels is red 100% and the others 0%. The constant channel is also 0%.

## 2 Straight *conversion*

This (above) is the result of a straight conversion where no manipulation has been applied, and is in my opinion a much better starting point than any of the other methods available. Compare it with the greyscale conversion right, to see the improved contrast.

## Greyscale *conversion*

The greyscale conversion shows a distinct lack of contrast and separation in the detail in the rock but it is fair to say that this can be adjusted using various contrast controls available in Photoshop. Compare this conversion with the variety available in Channel Mixer to see why I prefer the latter method.



## 3 Standard *route*

Increasing the value of the red lightens the rock and increases contrast to produce the tonal range and contrast that I would probably have used for a traditional print made in the darkroom. Change R to +128%, G to –30%, and B to +4%. Note that the source channel values add up to +102.

## 4 White *sky*

Since the original sky was blue, increasing the B value, in this case, to +120%, will reduce it to pure white. This prepares the file for further work in Photoshop, such as adding sky with clouds. Changing the R (+50) and G (+174) values produced a tonality and contrast that I felt would compliment the final image I had in mind.

## 5 Black *sky*

I felt that a black sky would work with this image so I took out blue and added red to darken the sky and used the green source channel to restore a good tonality in the curving rock. My source channel values add up to –112, with R +136%, G –92%, and B –156%.

# Scanning *Black and White*

Scanning a black & white or colour negative, or a colour transparency, is a key stage in making a quality black & white digital print.

I compare the process to exposing and developing a negative in traditional wet photography. Drum scanning is generally considered to give the highest quality but is very expensive. Several good quality 35mm and medium format negative scanners are available reasonably priced but not suitable for large-format negs so the best alternative is a flatbed scanner. As I use 5x4in cameras as well as 35mm and 6x4.5in, I use the Epson Perfection 3200. Here's how to use your scanner to obtain maximum information from the scan to make fine black & white digital prints.

First, ensure the scanner's glass platen is clean. I use the canned air from the darkroom to blow off dust and hairs and only occasionally wipe with a duster for fear of scratching the glass. Hold the negative as flat as possible. For medium format I use Umax neg carriers. For 35mm and 5x4in I use the carriers supplied with the scanner. Never place the neg straight on to the glass, as you may get newton rings.

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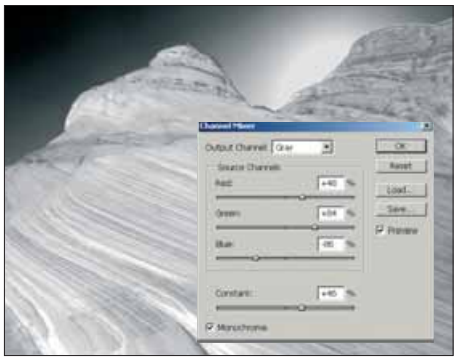
## Step *One*

I usually scan in 16-bit grayscale and set the resolution to a value divisible by 300. I used 2400 dpi and for my example I left the target size the same as the original 35mm negative: 1.38 x 0.92 inches. Start the scan by clicking on preview.

Crop the area of the negative that you want to scan and click on zoom. You should see that the software shows the image size, 1.38 x 0.92 inches, the pixel size 3304 x 2219 and the file size of 13.98MB.

## 6 Constant *control*

The constant control darkens or lightens the image in a linear gradient. It's useful when you have arrived at a tonal relationship you like but would prefer the whole image to be lighter or darker. Use R+136%, G+30%, B–40%, with constant -30%. In this example, the contrast has also been increased in the darkening process.



## 7 Lighten *image*

This high key interpretation was created using the constant control to lighten the whole image. The constant control always retains the tonal relationship you have arrived at. Use a red value of +48%, a green value of +80% and blue -86, and then a constant control value of +46%, to get the result here.

# TOP CONVERSION TIPS!

### RGB SOURCE CHANNELS

Use the R G B source channels as filters and remember that to increase the value will lighten and to decrease will darken: for example, increase red will lighten red; decrease red will darken red.

### GO FOR BOLD

There is an advantage in working from colour originals that have strong red, green or blue areas.

### PLANNING AHEAD

The channel mixer conversion method provides a very good foundation for further adjustments in Photoshop.

### LIGHTENING & DARKENING

Try making the image darker than you want it using the source channel sliders before applying the constant control to lighten it; and do the opposite when you want to darken it. I have found that this gives me a little more control when dealing with bright highlights when lightening, and dark shadows when darkening.

### 16 BIT

If possible scan at 16 bit, as this will increase the amount of information in the scan. It is preferable to do this even though all versions of Photoshop up to 7 have limited facilities for working with tools on the image. Photoshop CS offers improved facilities when working with 16-bit scans.

### SIMPLE CALCULATIONS

Scan at the highest resolution possible where the value is divisible by 300 so that you can increase the size of the image by using simple maths.

### FOR POSTER SIZE

If you plan to make a very large print, scale the image and use a lower dpi to produce the file size and consequently the quality required. This is particularly relevant when working with 35mm or even medium-format negatives.

## Step *Two*

In your unadjusted scan, note the position of the sliders on both the input and output. To adjust the contrast and tonality of the image prior to the final scan, these sliders can be moved either way (see images above right). For input move the sliders to the right to darken; move sliders to the left to lighten. For output, move sliders to the right to lighten; move the sliders to the left to darken.

## Step *Three*

Compare the contrast and tonality of this preview with your unadjusted scan earlier, and note how the changes were made using the sliders on both input and output. You can set the black and white point of the image by positioning the relative input slider to each end of the histogram and adjust the mid tones by moving the grey slider. Or you can adjust the tones that you think best suits the image.

## Step *Four*

Because I scanned the 35mm negative at original size, the final print will be 1.377 x .0925in, which is clearly too small. Resizing the image, though, can be carried out in Photoshop. Go to **Image>Image Size**, then uncheck the resample image box and change the dpi value in the resolution box. I scanned my image at 2400 dpi. Changing the dpi to 300 increases the final image size to 11 x 7in without reducing the pixels value. If the resample image box had been checked, the final pixel values would have been lowered and therefore affected the quality of the print.

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# Create *A Duotone*

## Designed for the printing industry, duotones can be be used to apply subtle tints to monochromatic images

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS & ELEMENTS**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**

**Duotones have a dual life. They're a special type of file designed for the printing industry, where a second colour is used to tint or intensify the tones in a monochromatic image. They came about because a single ink on a printing press cannot reproduce a sufficiently subtle range of tones, and a second ink (either a colour or a second, 'grey', ink) is needed to produce top-quality results.**

The second use for duotones is in ordinary inkjet printing, where there's no need to compensate for the inadequacies of commercial printing presses, but where you may still want to apply carefully judged tints to monochromatic images.

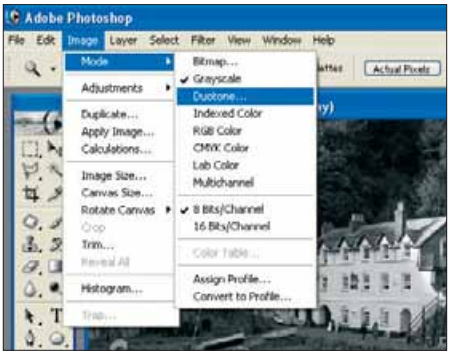
A duotone in Photoshop is a very specific type of file, one which doesn't include the standard RGB (Red, Green and Blue) channels of an ordinary colour image, but which has a 'Black' channel and a second channel of any colour (and a third, or fourth, with more complex 'tritones' and 'quadtones').

This specialised image format means that you can't save duotones as ordinary JPEG or TIFF images, only as Photoshop-format files or the EPS (Encapsulated PostScript) format used for graphics in the printing industry.

But there's nothing to stop you creating and editing your images as duotones in Photoshop, saving your work-in-progress as Photoshop files, then converting them to RGB if and when you need JPEG versions.

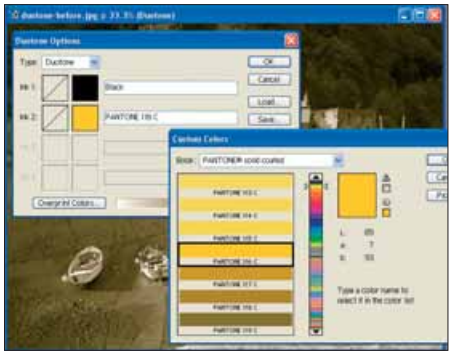
## 1 Convert *to grey*

Duotone images are a kind of hybrid between greyscale images and RGB images. In effect, you're adding a second colour channel to a greyscale image. You can't convert an RGB image straight into a duotone, for that very reason. First, you have to choose **Image > Mode > Grayscale**.




## 2 Convert *to duotone*

Once you've done this, if you reopen the **Image > Mode** menu, you'll notice that the Duotone option is now enabled. Incidentally, there are no options here for tritones or quadtones – these only become available when you use the Duotone command, which displays the following dialogue box.




## 3 Duotone *colours*

The Duotone Options dialogue box will look something like this. Ink 1 is black, and Ink 2 is a Pantone colour. You can change this colour by clicking it – click the Picker button in the Custom Colors dialogue box to display the standard Color Picker dialogue box rather than Pantones.

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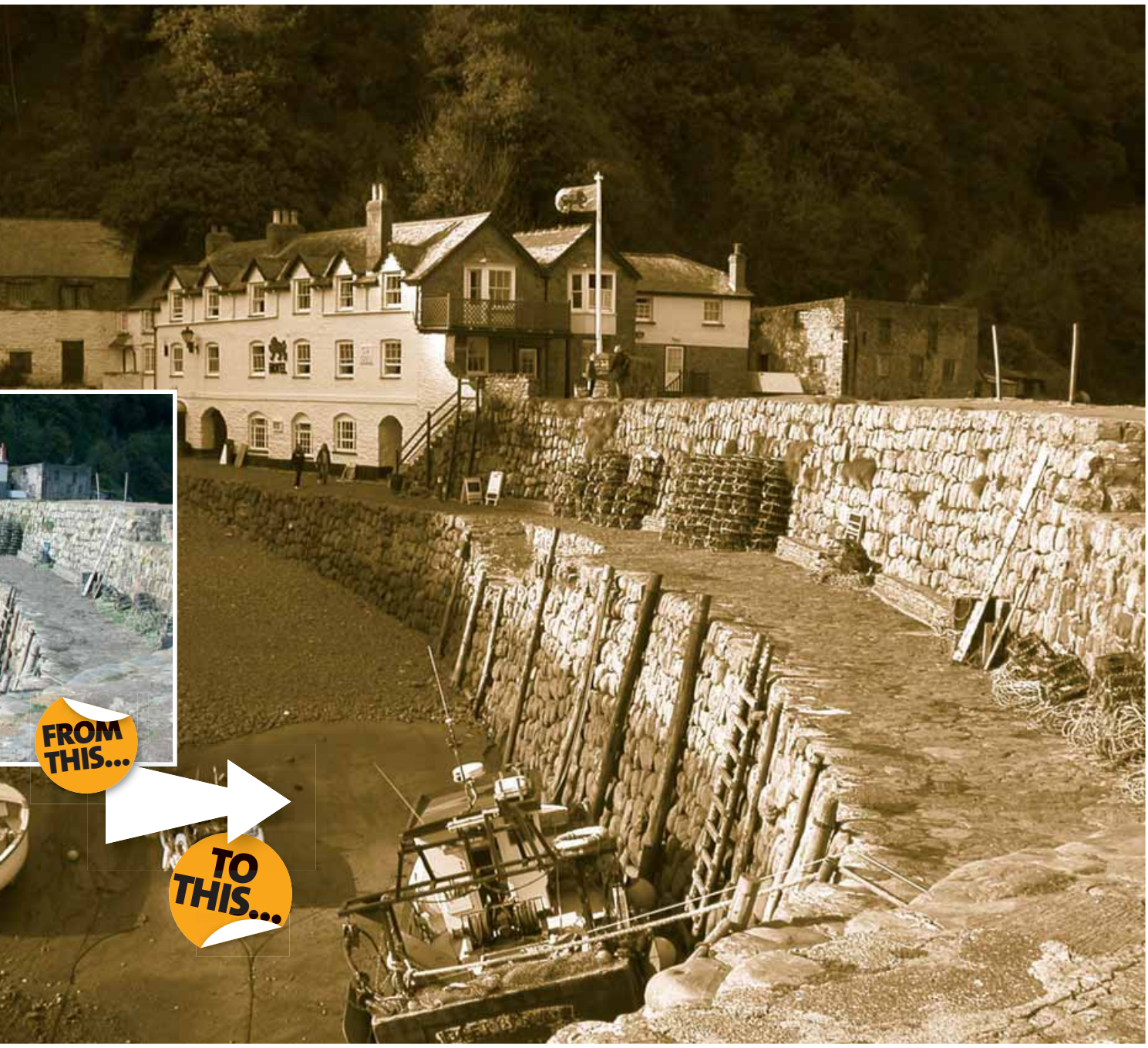
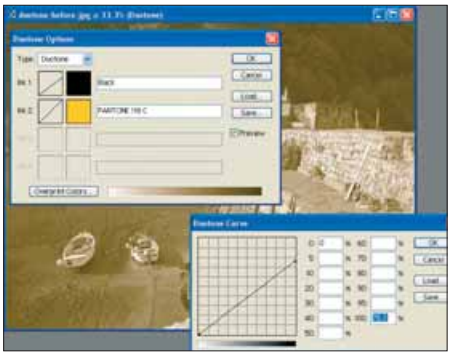
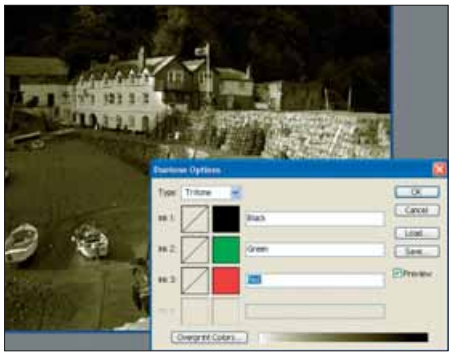


## 4 Adjust *the curves*

Click on the Curves symbol to the left of the ink colour. These curves are the opposite way round to usual, with highlights to the left and shadows to the right. By dragging down the shadow point of the black ink, for example, we can produce darker areas made up only of the yellow ink for an antique effect.



## 5 Create *a tritone*

Now for a more ambitious tritone image to counter the complex colour casts we get printing mono prints on a colour inkjet printer. We need a green ink to counter a magenta cast in the shadows and a red ink to counter a cyan cast in the midtones. This time we're going to enter ink values directly.

## 6 Ink *values*

Start with the green ink curve and enter a value of 0 in the 100% brightness box to remove all green from the image. Enter 5% green in the 10% brightness box, then 0% in the 20% box to bring the green ink level down to 0 again. Do the same with the red ink in the midtone range.

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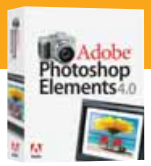



# Perfect *Prints*

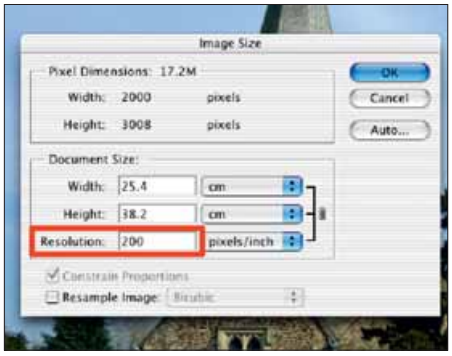
## The most crucial stage in making a digital photograph is the final printout. We guide you through the process

**Shooting a great digital photo is only half the story – making a print to do it justice can be just as tricky.**

With a huge increase in the number of different printers, inks and paper, there's never been an easier time to start making photo-quality prints. Yet driving your printer properly can be just as demanding as choosing the right camera settings and making the right editing moves in your imaging application.

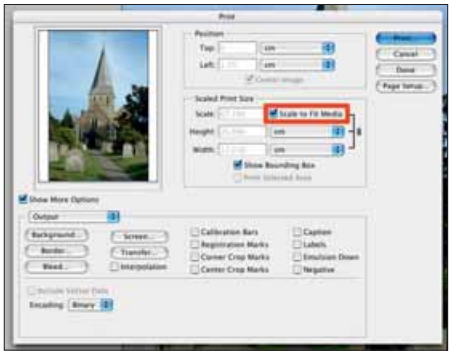
To get best results from your inkjet printer, it's essential to get to grips with its dedicated printer software, as it's here where you can control quality, speed and colour balance. Once your printer's connected and with the printer software installed, make sure that you set your inkjet up as your target printer and you are ready to go.

Printer software for a colour inkjet is much more than a simple paper size and orientation device, as it actually controls the amount of ink sprayed onto the paper. By a clever use of inbuilt settings, the printer software adjusts the ink flow to match the varying needs of different inkjet papers. Glossy papers are able to hold more ink than matte or plain papers, so it's vital that you select the correct media setting to start with.



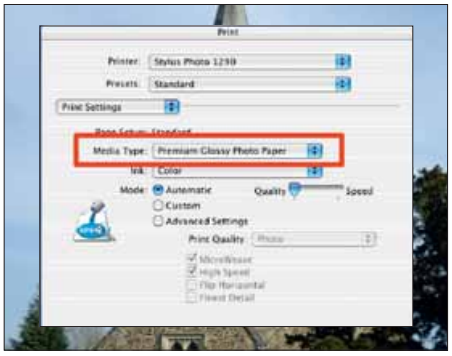

## 1 Image *size*

Check your image size. The first and most important stage is to prepare your image with the right resolution and size. In your Image Size dialogue box, uncheck the resample box and make the resolution 200 pixels per inch. You'll see no difference in quality if your image is prepared with a higher resolution.



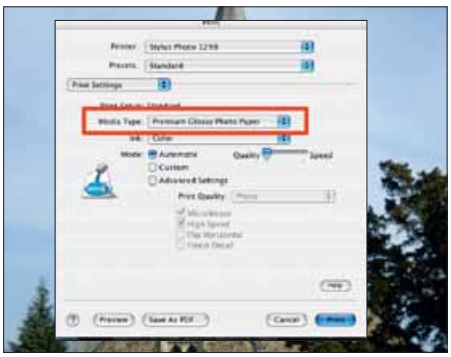
## 2 Print *preview*

Next do **File > Print with Preview** and check how your image sits on the current paper size. If it's too big, it will overspill at the edges of the paper as shown, but if it's too small it will sit surrounded by white borders. If you do need to resize, click on the Scale to Fit Media option.



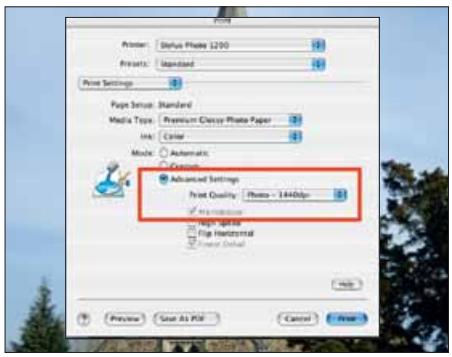
## 3 Page *set up*

Now go to **File > Page Setup** and choose the size of paper and the orientation of your printout. The maximum size of your print paper is determined by the width of your printer carriage, but you can also make your photograph print in the portrait or landscape format.



## 4 Media *type*

The most crucial stage in the process is the selection of the right media type. Do **File > Print** and choose the nearest option to your print paper that appears in the Media Type drop-down menu. Don't expect brand names, but surface types such as glossy, matte or film.



## 5 Printer *resolution*

Finally, choose the print quality by clicking into the **Print Quality** drop-down. For general purpose output, choose 1440dpi. Lesser settings such as 720dpi will look less photo-realistic, and higher settings such as 2880dpi will take ages to print out.

## 6 Finished *results*

After the print emerges from the inkjet, leave it to dry for a couple of minutes before you start to judge colour balance and whether it's too light or too dark. When wet, the print will look bluish and may give a false impression. Try to view the dry print under daylight if possible.

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# TOP TIPS!

**PAPER AND INK TYPES**
Best quality results are achieved by using photo-quality glossy papers, such as those made by Epson or Canon. Heavier weight papers will help your prints to feel like a conventional photographic print and will last longer too. If your printer accepts the slightly more expensive lightfast ink cartridges, they are well worth the money as your printouts will be less likely to fade in a few months. The best quality of all is made by using pigment ink sets, which are guaranteed to last more than 60 years.

**MAKE A TEST STRIP FIRST**
A much better way of saving expensive paper and inks is to make a smaller test print before chancing a full-sized print. Use your Rectangular Marquee tool to make a selection within your image, then choose the **Print Selected Area** option in your printer software dialogue box. Your smaller selection will now be printed.

**JUDGING COLOUR BALANCE**
If your print emerges with an overall colour cast, then you'll need to make some adjustments before sending another version to print. The best tool to use is Photoshop's Variations box which presents you with a ring-around display of your image with several different coloured versions to choose from.

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# 25 Top Tips

Follow these twenty-five printing tips and tricks for your best prints ever

## MAKE BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS

It's difficult to get a neutral grey with colour inks, so mono images often have unwanted colour casts. There are three cures: print using just the black ink (not the quality option); select a sepia tone rather than pure grey; or use special b&w ink sets, which use inks in several shades of 'black' for superior tonality.

## USE QUALITY PAPER

For the best results, use the best paper you can afford. Heavier weight papers with decent gloss or matt surfaces look more professional and are more likely to stay pristine for longer.

## AVOID CHEAP INKS

Some cheap, third-party inks produce inferior results and fade quicker than proprietary inks. For best results and superior archival properties stick with your manufacturer's inks, or those from a reputable company.

## MONO PRINTS

Inkjet printers are only capable of printing 17 unique shades of grey; the other shades are made up from the colour inks. Some printers have a monochrome setting; this again just desaturates the image. The HP 7960 has a dedicated monochrome cartridge (No. 59) which can print 4,097 unique shades of grey – and will produce outstanding monochrome prints.

## TAKE EXTRA CARE WHEN PRINTING SO THAT DELICATE HIGHLIGHTS ARE NOT LOST

Understanding how your printer, inkset & paper work together will help you retain highlights when making prints.

**STEP 1** Make a greyscale that ranges in distinct steps from 225 (light grey) to 255 (pure white). Indicate where one tone stops and the next starts, and its value.

**STEP 2** Set your printer on the settings you will use. Write these down. Print the test greyscale, examine it and locate the point where there is no difference between the printed areas and paper support. Note down the tone value.

**STEP 3** After making basic brightness and contrast changes you can customise it to output precisely on your printer by adding a levels adjustment layer before printing. Drag the white point OUTPUT slider of this layer until it matches the tonal value you noted in step 2. Now your highlights will print within your hardware's range.

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## WIDE BORDERS FOR CLASS

Why not add a touch of class to your prints by giving them a wide white border? A two inch (5cm) border around an image isolates it more from its surroundings and gives it room to breathe. It will look better in a frame or on the wall, too.

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## SPACE SAVER

If you want both a printer and a scanner, and space in your home office is limited, consider an All-In-One or Multi-Function device. These combine a printer and scanner in one machine, sometimes with a fax machine and photocopier thrown in too. Manufacturers usually use the same components as for their separates, so quality is comparable nowadays.

## MULTI PRINTS SAVE PAPER

Inkjet paper is expensive so don't waste it. You can easily produce several prints on a single sheet of paper – either different images or the same image at different sizes, for framing and carrying in a wallet.

## MATT PAPER FOR FRAMING

Glossy paper is popular for its boldness and apparent sharpness, but if you're making prints to put on the wall, the highly reflective surface can make them difficult to view. Try switching to matt paper which suffers less from reflections and can be viewed more easily.

## RESOLUTION

Although some printers boast the capability to produce well over 1000 dots per inch, you're rarely likely to need more than 300dpi. Setting higher resolutions than this uses more ink, takes longer to print and, at the end of the day, it's unlikely you'll be able to tell the difference.

## THERE'S NOT JUST INKJET

A small, portable dye-transfer or thermal printer can be carried around with you, making them tops in the convenience stakes, and they can also produce 6x4in enprints that are more photo-realistic and permanent. On the minus side they do cost a little more than inkjets.

## MORE INK TANKS THE BETTER

When choosing a printer, look for one that uses six inks instead of four. These will give more realistic results. Also, printers with separate ink tanks for each colour are more economical than combined tanks, since you can replace each colour as it runs out, rather than all the inks at once.

## D&P ON PHOTO PAPER

The old fashioned d&p service used by film consumers can be used to print digital files too, and they're a great, cost-effective way to get prints from your digital images. Because they're printed on silver-based photographic paper they offer good archival qualities too, and cost only a few pence each. Much less hassle than trying to print them all yourself.

## USE PIGMENT INKS FOR PERMANENCE

If you're seriously into b&w fine art printing for exhibition or portfolio use, get an inkjet printer that uses pigment inks rather than dyes, as these are much more permanent. If the budget will stretch, it's also a good idea to get one that can print up to A3.

## ONLINE D&P

If you don't live near a chemist or photo shop or can't get out easily, getting your photos developed can be a bit of a chore. So why not upload them to an on-line photo lab instead. They'll print your photos and post them back to you in a couple of days. You can pay online too.

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## ADJUSTMENT MASK

Rather than applying dodge and burning in directly to the picture, try making the adjustments using a mask in conjunction with a levels adjustment layer

## LEVELS

When the Levels input sliders are adjusted whilst holding down the Alt key the feature switches to preview mode so that you can see the pixels that are being converted to white or black.

## CHANNEL MIXER

Using Photoshop's Channel Mixer is a great way to control the way that hues are translated to greys when you are converting colour pictures to black and white.

## GETTING INTIMATE WITH YOUR PRINTER

Every printer is different. Add a variety of paper and ink sets into the equation and it is almost impossible to make a blanket statement about what precise settings should be used to produce great black and white prints. Yes in some cases you can get good results right off the bat with little or no tweaking. This is especially true if you are using one of the new photo printers which include several black (grey) inks used for outputting black and white, but the way to ensure the best results with any machine is to test it first and then match your pictures to the characteristics of the printer.

## MID TONES

Pushing the mid tones of your pictures to the right of the histogram during exposure, positions the bulk of the photo's tones in the part of the digital file that can contains the most space. Be careful though not to lose highlight details in the process.

## CLOGGED BLACK AREAS

Clogged black areas in your photo? If your photo has no detail in the shadow area at all and the black areas of the print are flat and clogged up, add a little texture to the whole of the image with the Add Noise filter set to Monochrome.

## PROFILES

Profile the printer/ink/paper combination Though not an option that is available to everyone, a more accurate way of establishing the characteristics of your printer is to make, or have made, a specific ICC profile which can then be used when outputting not just monochromes but all of your prints. A correctly created profile understands the way that your printer prints including the points on the greyscale where it deviates from a neutral. Applying the profile when printing manipulates the colours and tones in the original photo to make up for the inadequacies of the printer/paper/ink combination. Standard profiles are often supplied with your printer software so make sure that you select them in the printer driver before printing. Custom ICC profiles can be created for your specific print setup by online specialists.

## NON-NEUTRAL GREYSCALES

Try tweaking the printer driver's colour settings

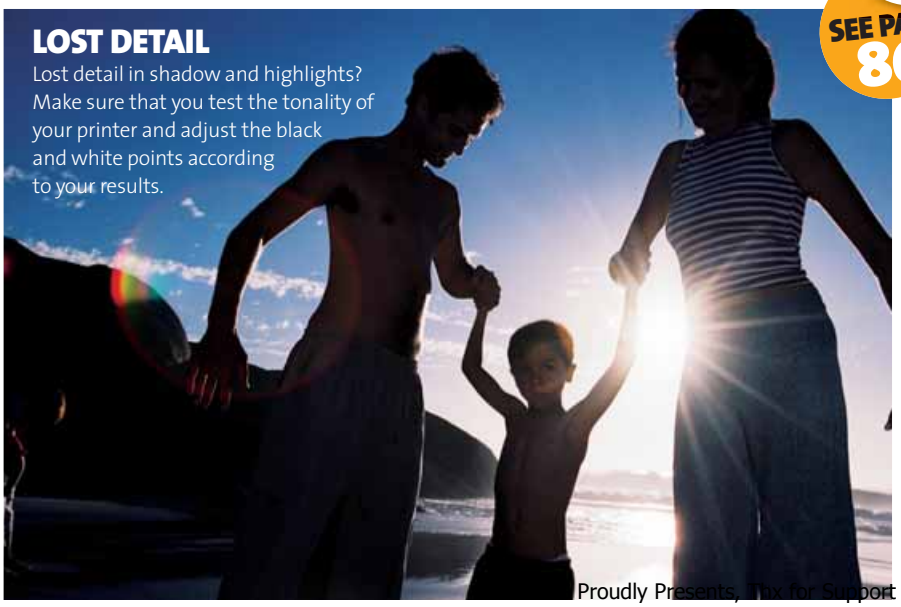
- Tint the monochrome to disguise the colour cast
- Use a printer with a multi-black ink set
- Get a custom profile made of your printer, paper and inkset

## MULTI BLACK PRINTER

The final solution to the complex cast problem is for you to start using a multi-black photo printer like the ones now being marketed by Epson and hp (Hewlett Packard). These machines contain not just one black cartridge but up to three different black cartridges (black, and two different densities of grey). The additional inks are used in place of coloured dots when printing monochromes and provide the most neutral black and white prints that we have ever seen from a colour desktop printer. In addition, the software bundled with these machines often include specialist monochrome printing utilities designed to help finetune the black and white output results.

## LOST DETAIL

Lost detail in shadow and highlights? Make sure that you test the tonality of your printer and adjust the black and white points according to your results.



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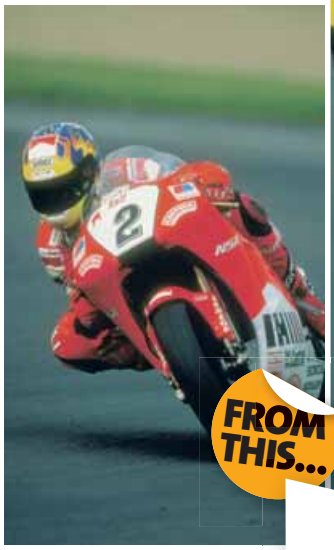
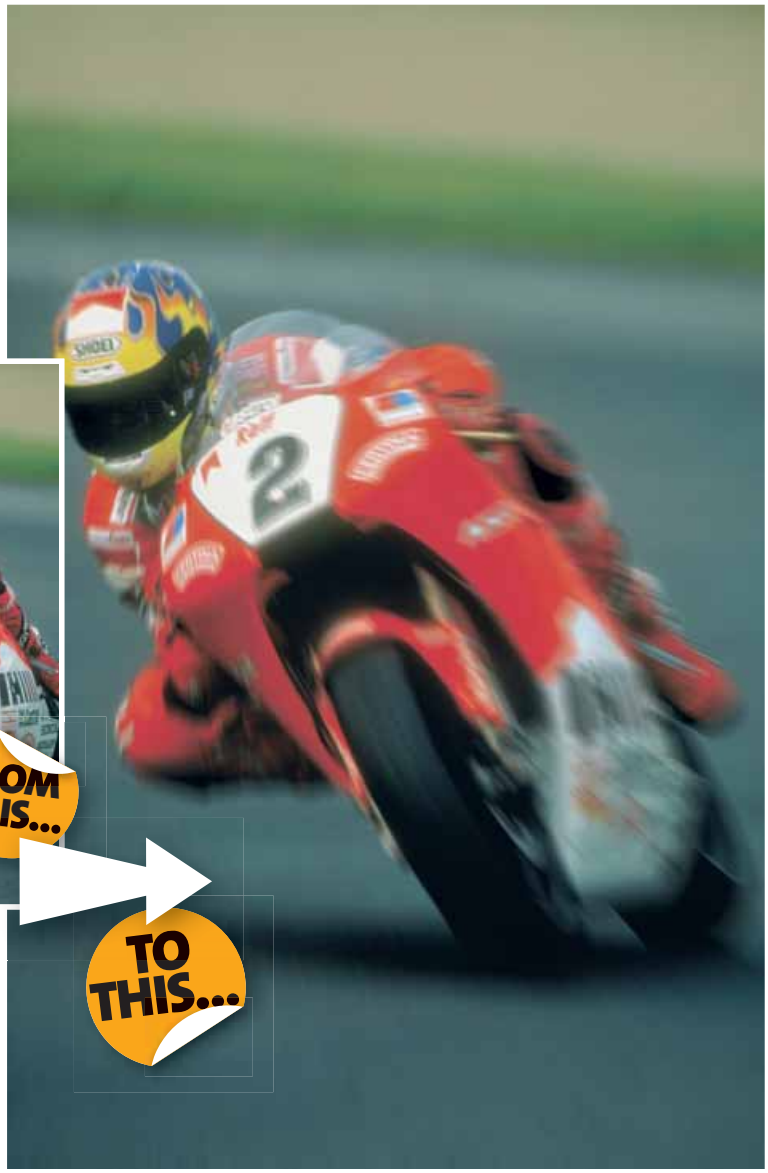
# Radial *Blur*

Filters are a quick and easy way to add dramatic effects. Be very careful when you apply them though

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**With the right image, applying radial blur to an image can add drama and excitement and give a much-needed feel of movement to a static image.**

On this image we're going to add a little radial blur to give the motorbike a greater feeling of movement and speed.

As with all filters, the blur filter should be used sparingly and with care if you want your photos to look realistic.

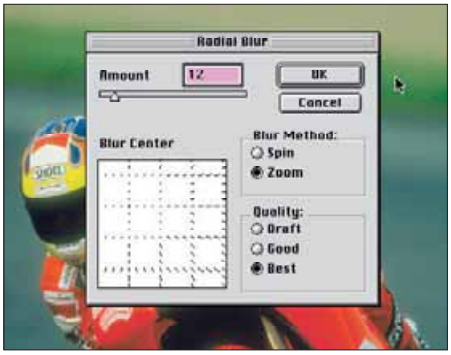
Always begin by making a duplicate of your original image. In the Image menu select Duplicate and name the new image.

**TOP TIPS!**

**TRY THE SAME FILTER ON DIFFERENT SUBJECTS**
A child jumping or running towards the camera would be a good subject, for example. The subject doesn't need to be pin sharp, as you're blurring it anyway.

## 1 Select *filter*

From the Image menu bar select **Filters** then select **Blur** in the drop-down menu and finally **Radial Blur.** Radial blur adds movement from the centre of the image. In the filter dialogue box select the zoom option.




## 2 Preview *box*

A preview box allows you to move the central focus area. For this picture the main subject's head is to the left, so the central section is moved to here. Be careful not to overdo the amount of the effect.

## 3 Render *filter*

Click **ok** and the image will render the effect. In this example the filters gives the appearance of the bike cornering at a very high speed. Adjust the level of the blur until you're happy with it. Save the image as usual.

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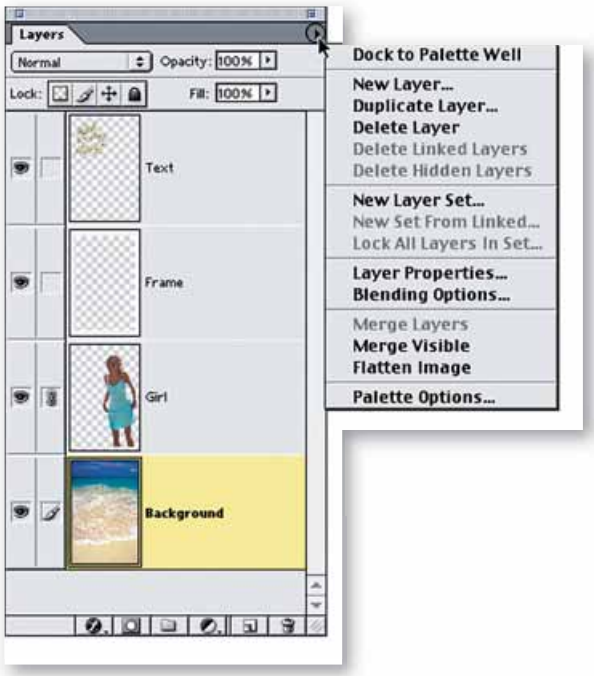


# A Guide *To Layers*

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Using layers to create more exciting images isn't as scary as it looks. Programs such as Photoshop use a palette for easy navigation

**It doesn't take new digital photographers much time before they want to do more with their pictures than simply download and print them. Before you know it they are adding text to their photographs, combining several images together, and even adding fancy borders to their pictures.**

In some image-editing packages these sorts of activities are performed directly on the picture which means that making corrections, or slight modifications of these changes at a later date, is difficult if not almost impossible.

The leading programs – such as Photoshop, Photoshop Elements, PaintShop Pro and PhotoImpact – provide a better approach to image editing by providing a layer system to their files. This enables users to separate different components of a picture onto different layers. Each layer can be moved and edited independently. This is a big advantage compared with programs that treat the picture as a flat file where any changes become a permanent part of the picture.

Though each program handles this system differently, all provide a palette that you can use to view each of the layers and their content (left). The layers are positioned one above each other in a stack and the picture you see in the work area is a preview of the image with all the layers combined.

If you've ever seen how cartoons are made, you will know that each drawing is created onto a transparent sheet. These sheets are placed one on top of the other, on top of a background image. All the elements show through, resulting in one visual image. The same principle applies to layers in a digital image. An image can be created using multiple elements, each one contained on its own transparent layer, one on top of the other. They are independent of each other and can be moved and manipulated without affecting the other layers. >>

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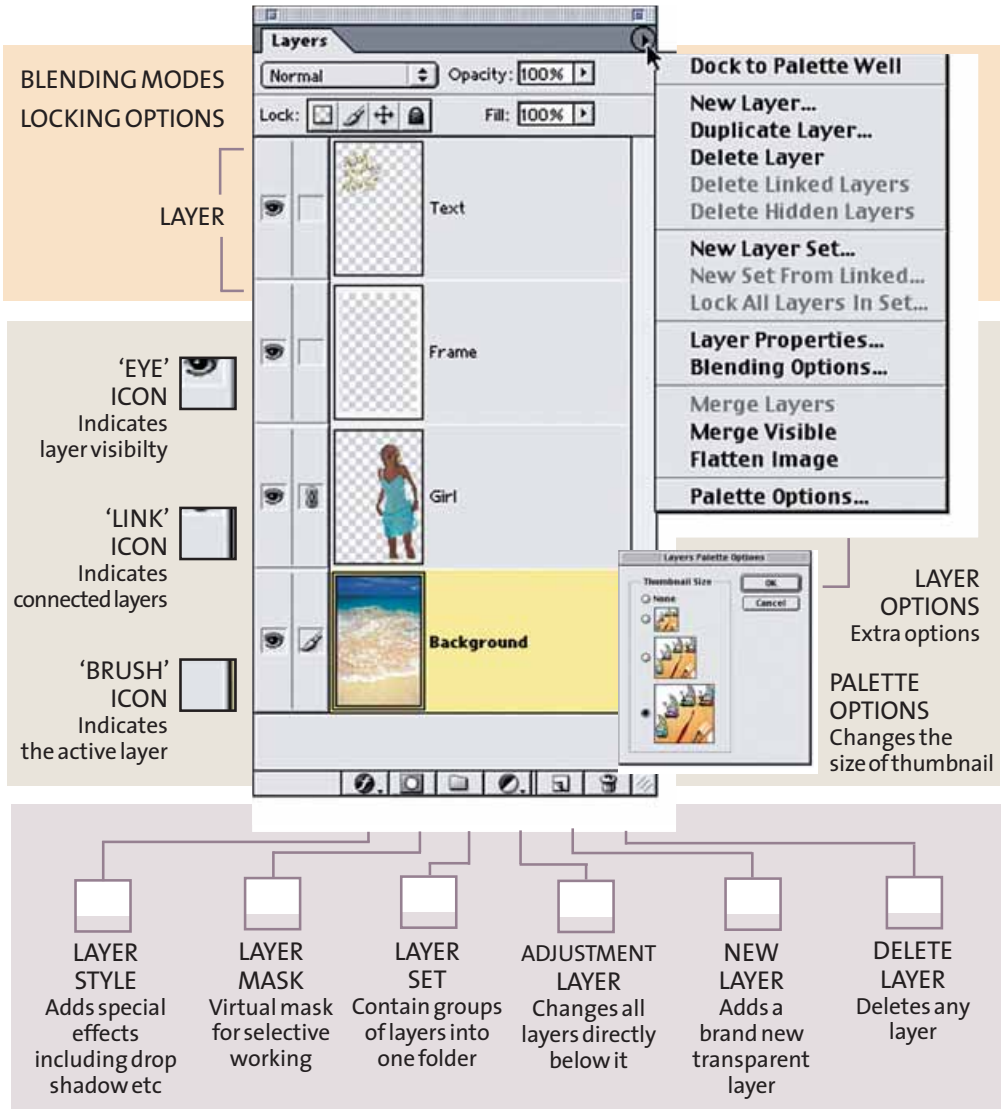
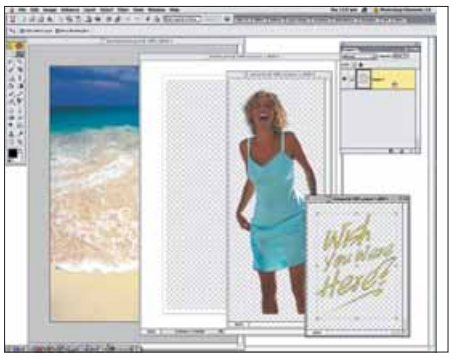
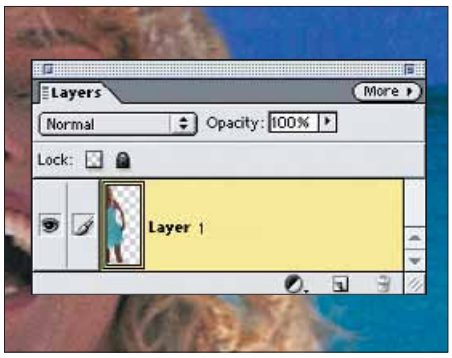
# The Layers *Palette*



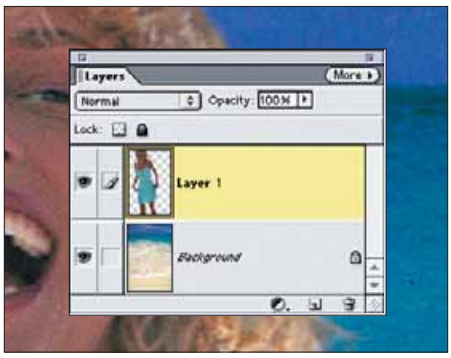
## 1 Open *all layers*

We have used four layers as shown on the opposite page. With all four files open, click on the Girl image. Notice that the girl is on a background of chequered squares. This tells you the file is a ' layer' and has a transparent background. The squares are the default and won't move.




## 2 Drag *layer*

Click and hold down the mouse button and 'drag' the girl onto the beach background window. As you release the mouse over the beach background window, the girl will appear on top of the background. You will also see on the layers pallete that a new layer, layer 1 has appeared.




## 3 Resize *image*

The Photoshop Elements bounding box will surround the girl, which indicates that you can resize the image. Holding down the Shift key, drag the bounding box down to constrain the size of the image until you're happy with the result. Press Return to okay the resize.

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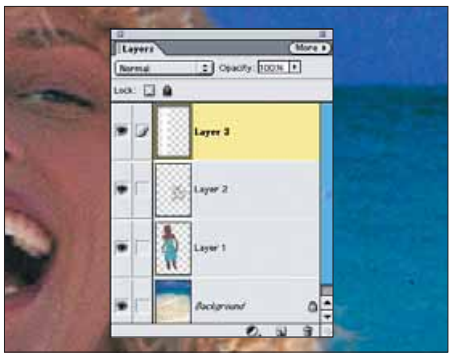
## EXPLODED VIEW OF LAYERS

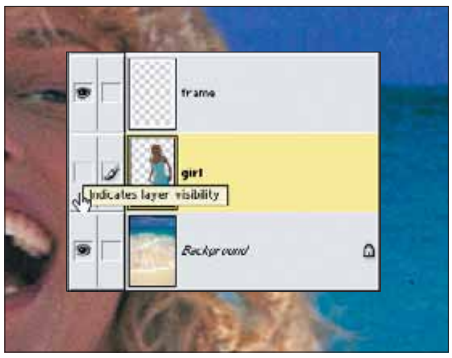
Images are often created using several different pages separated and stored on different layers. This helps when editing or if you need to do things like change some text at the last moment. Just bring the layer you want to work on to the front using the layers palette, make your change and then save it.

# **Exploded** *Layers View*



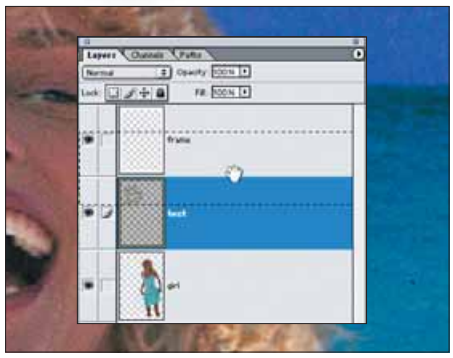
## 4 **Rename** *layers*

Copy steps 2 & 3 with the other files. Notice that in the layers pallete, layer 2 and layer 3 have appeared above layer 1. Clicking on each layer will highlight yellow, indicating that it has become the active layer. Double click on each layer name and rename them girl, text and frame.




## 5 **Eye** *icon*

On the left of the pallete is an 'eye' icon. If you click this, it will disappear, along with the image. This enables you to temporarily hide the layer for convenience. Click on the icon again and it will reappear. In this way you can hide as many layers as you want.



## 6 **Text layer** *on top*

Layer stacking orders can be changed by clicking and dragging the layer up or down within the layers palette. Click and drag the text layer upwards, so it becomes the top layer, above the frame. This will enable the text to overlap the frame. Save the image as a Photoshop file.

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*Make your own...*

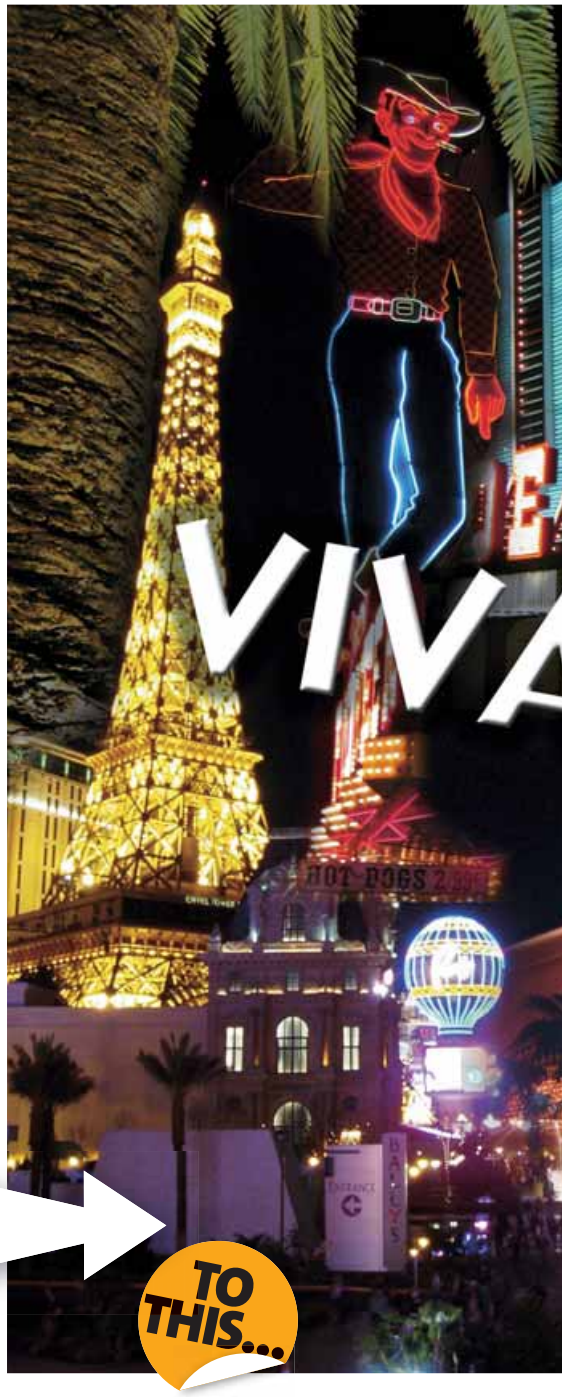
# Holiday *Montage*

Don't hide all those holiday snaps away after everyone has seen them – make a fantastic holiday montage

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**

**It's all too easy to forget your holiday pictures and put them away in an album, never to be seen again!**

Making a holiday montage allows you to give them a new lease of life. We show you how to add a number of images together to create one larger one, create soft edges to blend in the subjects to make pleasing joins, use effects such as radial blur (see page 57) to create an extra-special look and finally add text to give it that personal touch (turn to page 58 for the basics on handling layers).



## 1 New *document*

Create a new document that measures 27cm across by 19cm high, with a resolution of 72 pixels per inch (**File > New**). Then set the background to black, and save the file as mymontage.psd to your hard drive.

## 2 Drag *images*

In this example, we had 5 images to montage. Open all the images in the Montage Tutorial folder on the website. Click and drag pic 1.psd onto your new **mymontage** file. Repeat with pic 2. Position image 1 to the left side and image 2 to the right.

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## 3 Transform *tool*

We dragged the pic 3 file onto our document. Use the Transform tool (**Edit > Transform > Scale**) to resize the image to the desired size. Press return to accept the size. Move the image to the upper middle of the montage.

## 4 Overlap *images*

Continue to click and drag on the remaining images. Remember when you position them that each image must overlap to some degree so each one will blend together better as we progress. Close all the numbered psd files.

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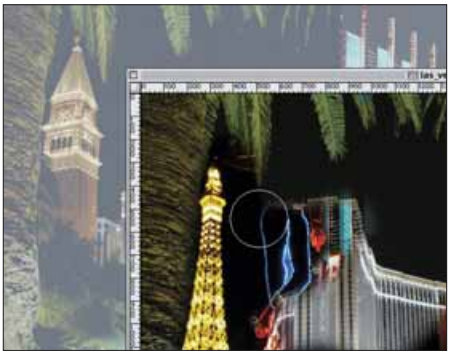
## 5 Flatten *or not*

You could stop here and print out your simple montage. If you do want to finish, it may help to flatten all layers (**Layer > Flatten Image**) and save – you won't be able to access the layers again, but it will make a smaller-sized file.



## 6 Eraser *tool*

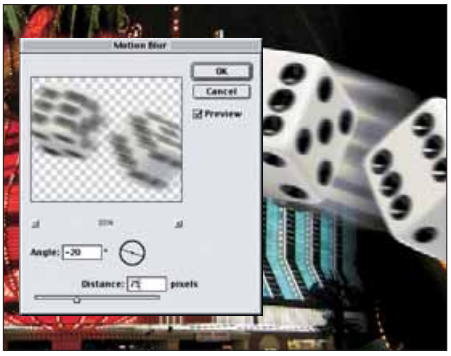
Select the eraser tool from the tool menu. Choose a suitable brush size of 100 and an opacity of 100%. Gently sweep the eraser round both sides of the middle picures. Take your time and make sure you're happy with each stroke. You can adjust the opacity slider so less is erased with each stroke to give you more control. Remember to keep saving your work!

## 7 Add *palm*

We added an image of a palm tree to our document. Erase around the palm tree deleting the tower and buildings. Continue using the eraser on other sections of the montage. Experiment with erasing close to the edges of subjects. If you make a mistake, open the History pallete (**Window > History**) and click on a step that will take you backwards.

## 8 Cut out *images*

For this example we decided to add some dice into the mix. Our image was on a blue background and was cut out using the Magic Wand tool. If you decide to add extra images into your montage, remember to cut them out using the Lasso tool or use the Pen tool and make the path into a selection.



## 9 Motion *blur*

Click and drag the dice in the layers palette down onto the page icon at the bottom – this will duplicate the dice layer. Choose the bottom dice layer and apply motion blur of 110 (**Filter>Blur>Motion Blur**). The 'angle dial' will allow you to specify from which direction the blur will come from so choose -20.

## 10 Blurred *layer*

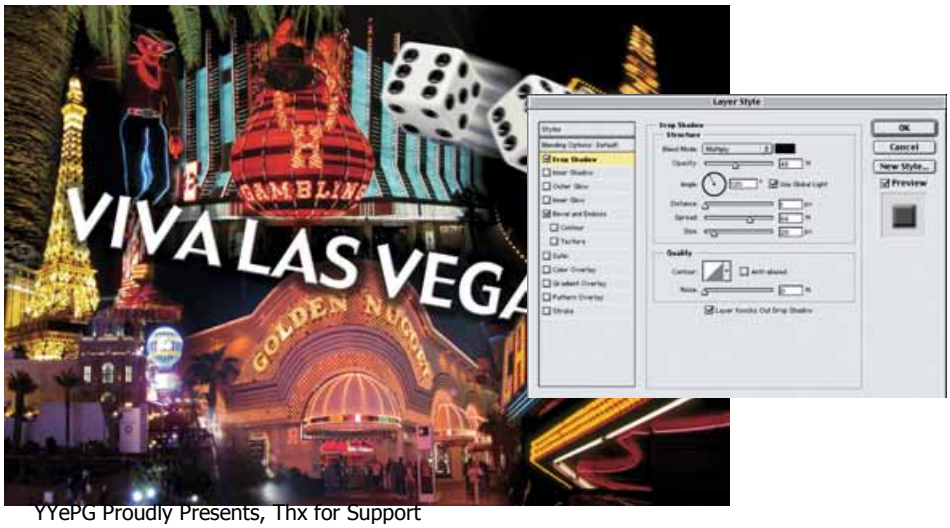
You will notice the blur appears at both ends of the dice and doesn't look realistic. To overcome this, move the blurred layer down and to the right. The blur should now only appear as a 'trail' on the right side of the dice. Select the upper dice layer in the layers palette and apply just a small amount of motion blur. This should look more realistic.

## 11 Add *text*

Add text by selecting the Text tool from the tool menu. Choose a suitable font and colour from the text menu bar. Type your message. Adjust the size in the type size input window on the menu bar or you can resize using the transform tool (**Edit > Transform > Scale**) to the desired size. Position in the middle of the montage.

## 12 Drop *shadow*

Finish the text by adding a drop shadow and an emboss (**Layer > Layer style > Drop shadow**). Click the drop shadow check box and then click on drop shadow. Enter a distance of 1, spread of 66, size of 20 and an opacity of 45. Then click on the emboss check box further down and click on Bevel & Emboss and click OK to accept the default style. Your montage is now complete! If you continue to save the image as a .psd file, you will always be able to access the layers when re-opening. But flattening the image (Layer> Flatten image) will result in a smaller file size and give you the option to save as a different file type, eg. JPEG, the file format to email.

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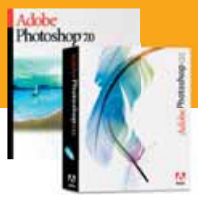
# History Palette

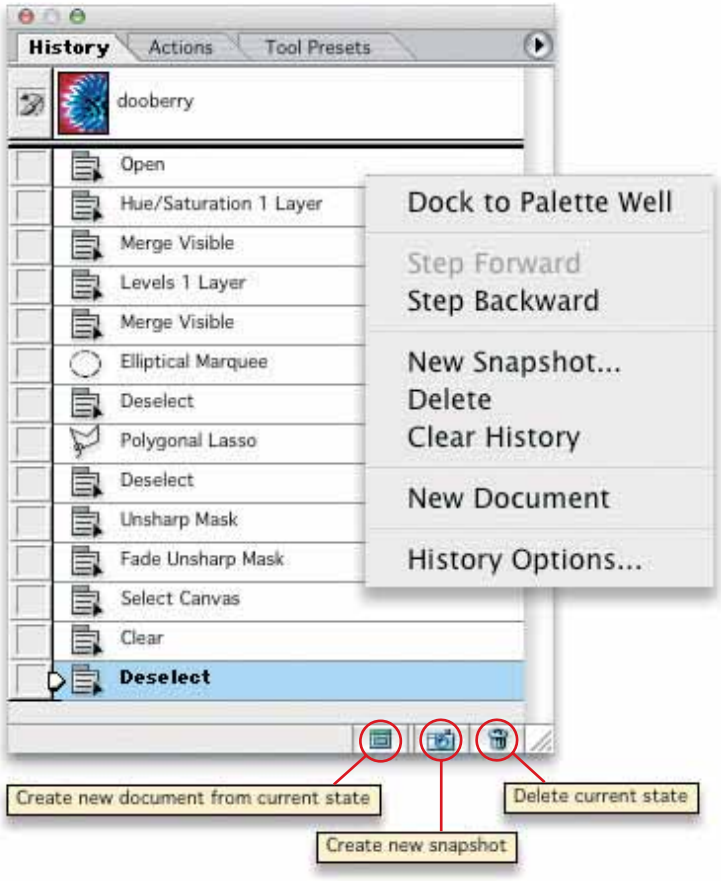
We all know the feeling when you've created a masterpiece and then you notice a mistake. No problem – just go back in time!

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS**
**LEVEL**
**BEGINNER**



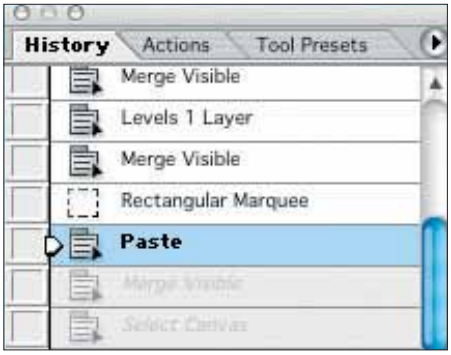
**One of Photoshop's most powerful and useful abilities is the option to go back in the 'history' of your image. This means that at any point, you can go back to a previous version of your work. This is particularly useful if you find you've made a mistake several steps before. You'll notice that the History window (which can be opened via the Windows>History menu if it's not already open) lists all of the steps you've made in your image.**

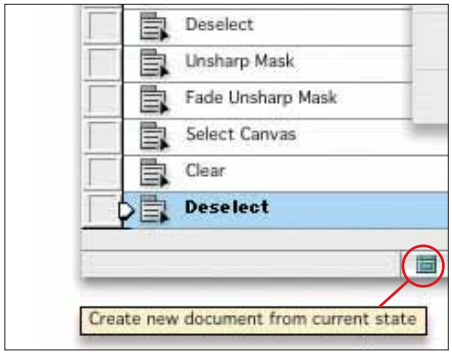
You can go backwards and forwards in the list to see what you've done. Once you make any changes from an earlier state, however, all states that were after that one in the history are deleted. In our main diagram (right) you can see the History palette options menu, found by clicking the little arrow at the top right corner of the palette. If you chose History Options from that menu, you would then see the box shown below where various palette options can be selected. You can choose Allow Non-Linear History which means you can edit an earlier state without losing the states that came after it. Those states no longer appear in the image, but they remain available if you change your mind and want to go back to them, or wish to use them as a source for any of the tool that use history states, such as the History Brush.



**TOP TIPS!**

**TRY THE SAME FILTER ON DIFFERENT SUBJECTS**
Having Photoshop keep track of too many steps can take up a lot of memory which can lead to the dreaded 'out of memory' message. You can change this by setting the amount of history states from the preferences command.




## 1 Select *filter*

The History palette allows multiple undo for as many steps backward as you have chosen in the History states box in General Preferences (**Edit> Preferences> General**). The default number of steps is 20 but you can increase this if you want.

## 2 Preview *box*

If you've made a mistake and want to undo it, simply click on the state in the History palette to which you want to return. Don't forget that once you make any changes from an earlier state all states that were after that one in the History palette are deleted.

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## 3 New *document*

A new document can be created from any state in the History palette. You can either drag that state to the New Document button at the bottom of the History palette, or select the state and then click the New Document button.

# Hand *Colouring*

## With a little time and patience it's easy to hand colour a black and white image using Photoshop

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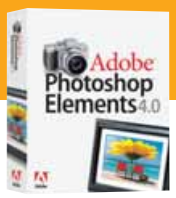
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**




**While it's true that adding colour to a monochrome is a technique that has its roots firmly planted in photographic history, this doesn't mean that we can't achieve great results by following a digital route.**

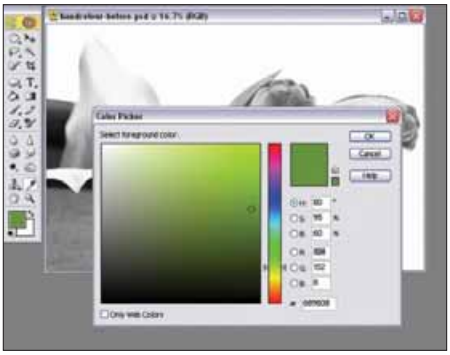
In fact, there are many advantages to using your favourite image-editing software to bring back the colours of a monochrome photograph, not the least of which is no more mixing paints.

Here we've used the Paintbrush tool to apply the colour to the photograph. But to ensure that the detail from the image shows through the colouring, we must modify the way that the hue is added. By switching the Brush mode (this is similar to the Layer Blend mode options) from its Normal setting to a specialised Color setting, the paint starts to act more like traditional watercolour.

When the hue is applied, the detail is changed in proportion to the tone beneath. Dark areas are changed to a deep version of the selected colour and lighter areas are delicately tinted.

### 1 Convert *modes*

Check what colour mode the picture is stored in by selecting **Image>Mode** and see which setting the tick is next to. For most black and white photographs the picture will be in Grayscale mode. If this is the case, change it to RGB Color (**Image>Mode>RGB Color**).



### 2 Select *swatch*

You won't notice any difference in the picture as a result of its mode change, but now the image is capable of holding colours (in greyscale it could only hold greys). Now double-click on the foreground swatch in the toolbox and select a colour appropriate for your picture.

### 3 Paint *brush*

Select the Paintbrush tool from the Toolbox and adjust its size and edge softness using the settings in the Options bar. Start to paint. You'll notice that the paint is covering the detail of the picture beneath. This is because the brush is still in Normal mode. Use Ctrl+Z to undo your painting.

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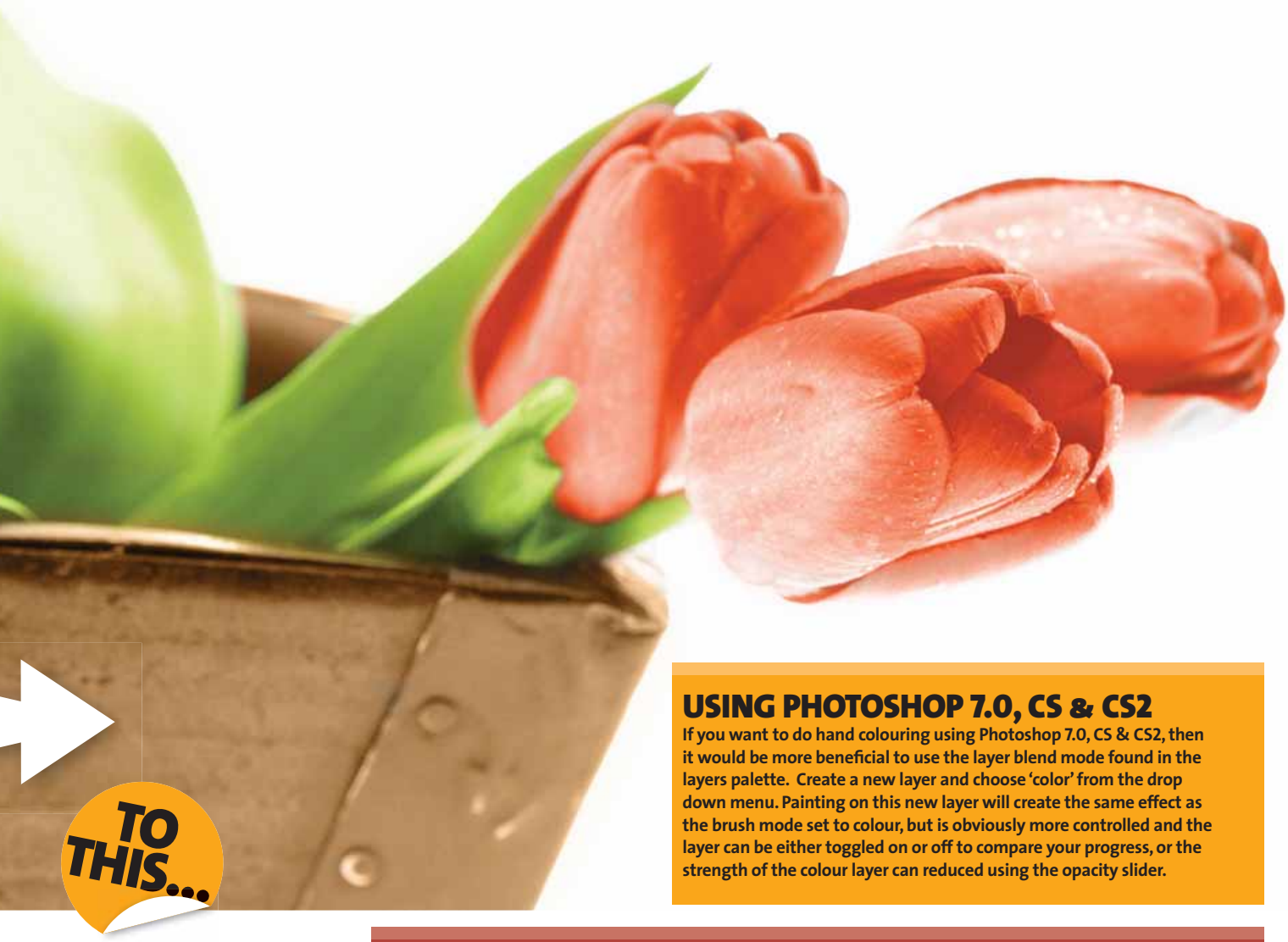


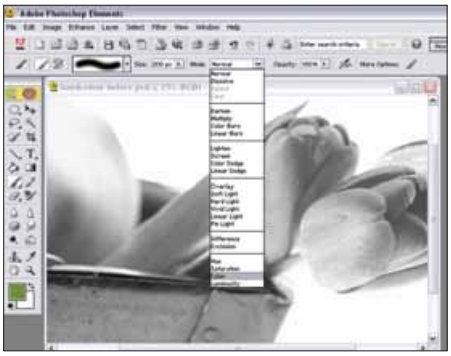

## USING PHOTOSHOP 7.0, CS & CS2

**If you want to do hand colouring using Photoshop 7.0, CS & CS2, then it would be more beneficial to use the layer blend mode found in the layers palette. Create a new layer and choose 'color' from the drop down menu. Painting on this new layer will create the same effect as the brush mode set to colour, but is obviously more controlled and the layer can be either toggled on or off to compare your progress, or the strength of the colour layer can reduced using the opacity slider.**

## TOP TIPS!

**IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE**

**If you accidentally paint into an area with the wrong colour, don't panic. Either use the Edit>Undo command or reselect the surrounding colour using the Eyedropper tool and then paint over the mistake**



## 4 Colour *mode*

In order for the brush to just colour the picture (keeping the details from beneath) the tool must be in the Color mode. To make the change, click on the Mode drop-down menu in the Options bar and select the Color option from towards the bottom of the list.

## 5 Paint *the colours*

With the Color mode now selected, start to apply the colour again. You'll notice the difference immediately. The brush is now substituting the colour for the grey tones in the picture and doing so proportionately – dark grey equates to dark green, light grey to light green.

## 6 Choose *New Colours*

Once the leaves and stems have been coloured, select new colours for the flowers and finally the bucket. The amount and areas of the picture that you choose to colour are up to you. Some photographs look great with only one coloured section and the rest of it black and white.

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# Paths *To Success*

The Pen tool has myriad uses. We use it to change a background and give a glow of light around a rose

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS 7.0 & CS**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**

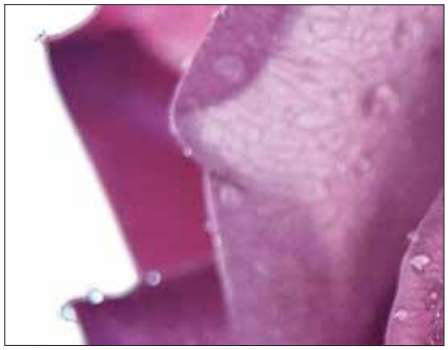
**The Pen tool creates vector paths (thin lines), and is a tool much used by designers. For photographic retouching it's most often used to define an accurate shape that can later be loaded as a selection.**

It's ideal for cutting out objects with curved lines. Once mastered, it's fast and relatively easy, compared to using a paintbrush for refining selections. On a large document it saves both time and space. Paths don't cause an increase in document size, as they contain no pixels. Pen paths can be open-ended (as a line) or closed (as a circle), and you can stroke a path with any of the painting tools. Paths can also be saved as clipping paths. Paths can be resized, transformed and copied.

So why isn't it the most commonly used selection tool? Well, it's a bit like swimming, as the first efforts aren't usually very graceful, but once learned, it's never forgotten. It takes some practice to get the co-ordination right. The magnetic pull of the curved segments seem frustrating to start with, but this is what allows us to make curved lines. When you make a strong curve by pulling a long handle, the next segment swings like a wave in the other direction if you click-drag in the same direction as before. If you don't want a change of direction, the trick is to drag the next direction line the opposite way. If you only click from one point to the other, and no handles are pulled out, you will only get straight lines, just like with the Polygonal Lasso. Sometimes we do use some straight segments, but the strength of the tool is in how it handles the bendy bits. In the beginning it's easy to get the handles and the anchor points mixed up, but remember that anchor points are clear, and the handles and the active anchor point is solid black.

Editing the path is possible at any time. Choose to do it as you go along, or after you've completed the path. When you move a handle, it moves the segments on both sides. Sometimes careful repositioning of the anchor point is the easiest way to edit.

Here, I've used the Pen tool to create a path, which was converted to a selection for cutting out the rose. It was later re-activated and stroked with white, to reinforce the backlit effect, giving a halo of light surrounding the rose.



## 1 Make *a path*

Before you use the **Pen tool**, make a new path. This will automatically save the path when the image is saved. If you don't, a new workpath will be created when you use the Pen tool, but not saved. Click on the black arrow at the top of the **Paths palette**, and choose New Path from the palette menu. Name it if you have more than one path.

## 2 Rubber *band*

In the Pen tool options bar, click on the icon for paths (not shape layers). Tick **Rubber Band** in the Geometry Options, as it gives you a preview of the direction. Click the starting point. Keeping the path as smooth as possible, click-drag in one motion. When you change direction, handles appear. The longer the handle, the greater the bend.

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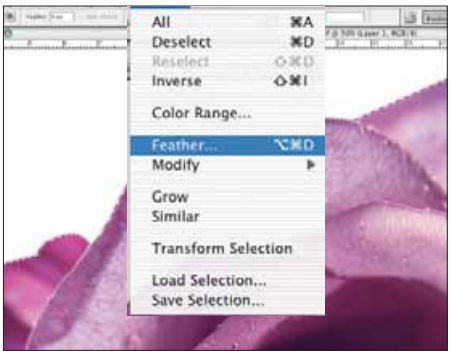
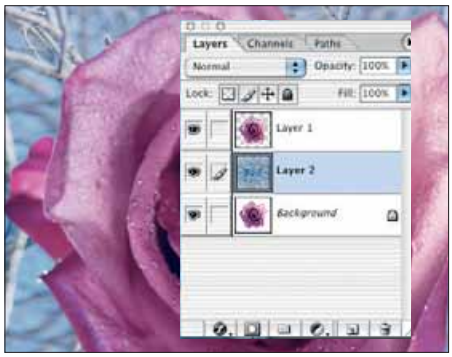
## 3 Edit *path*

Holding down the Command key, you can reposition an anchor point, change the direction of the handles, and make them shorter or longer by dragging them. To change direction, you can convert the corner point by **option/alt-clicking** the corner. With **Auto Add/Delete**, click where you want to add points or click an existing point to delete.




## 4 Feather *path*

Once the path is done, the object will have a sharp outline. To hide the path, click in the empty area in the paths palette. To reactivate it, click on its icon in the palette. Make the path into a selection by pressing **Cmd/Ctrl + Enter**. I feathered my selection 2 pixels on **Menu>Select>Feather**, then made a Layer via Copy by pressing **Cmd/Ctrl J**.




## 5 New *background*

Having placed the rose on its own layer, highlight the background layer, so the new layer is placed below the rose layer. Here, the dimensions of the background image were the same as the final document so the whole image was selected: **Cmd/Ctrl A** and copied: **Cmd/Ctrl C**. The destination image was activated and **Cmd/Ctrl V** pasted it in. **Cmd/Ctrl E** merged the new background into the old.

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## 6 White *glow*

Make a new blank layer. This should sit between the rose and the background and will contain a stroked path. Activate the path again. Select the Brush tool, using white colour and a big soft brush. In the Paths submenu, I selected **Stroke Path**, and the settings for the Brush tool stroked the path. Finally, **Gaussian Blur** was applied using an amount of 75.

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# 3D *Images*

## View your own photos in three dimensions

**Imagine looking at your own image in three dimensions, height, width and depth. This great effect can now easily be achieved in Photoshop or Paint Shop Pro.**

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS**
**LEVEL**
**ADVANCED**

Three dimensional or 'Stereoscopic' images are nothing new. In fact the idea stretches as far back in history as to precede the invention of photography. Binocular drawings were created by Giovanni Battista Della Porta around the 1600's, but it was Sir Charles Wheatstone who, in 1838, introduced the Stereoscope. This device used two drawings with slightly offset parallel views, positioned side by side to replicate the human vision and were mounted in a handheld frame with lenses at the front, like a pair of binoculars. The images were then viewed through the lenses to produce a 'blended' composite that would appear three-dimensional.

In 1853 W Rollman illustrated the Anaglyph technique by using blue and red line drawings on a black field with red and blue glasses to create the effect. The viewer would wear the coloured glasses with red for the left eye and blue for the right. The left eye would see the blue image appear as black while not seeing the red. The right eye would be the opposite, blocking out the relevant colour. The brain perceives the two images as a three-dimensional one.

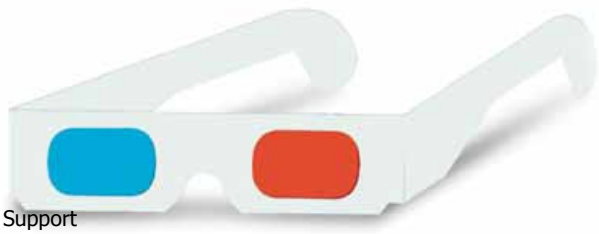
This new form of entertainment became huge when it was combined with photography, appealing even to british royalty as Queen Victoria was given a Stereoscope.

The Anaglyph technique became popular with the arrival of the cinema, as coloured film was able to reproduce the method, with viewers wearing the familiar glasses. Even now 3D seems to be enjoying another wave of popularity, with the new Mars landscape images coming from NASA and in the movies with the Spy Kids 3D, Shrek 3D DVD and James Cameron's Titanic 3D film at the Imax.

### GLASSES ON!

In this tutorial we will show you how to create your own three-dimensional images using the Anaglyph method. You will need the red and blue glasses to view them correctly.

Glasses can easily be obtained over the internet from sites like www.assistpoint.co.uk or www.eclipseglasses.com, and even at www.ebay.co.uk if you search for '3D Glasses', you can pick up pairs relatively cheaply.



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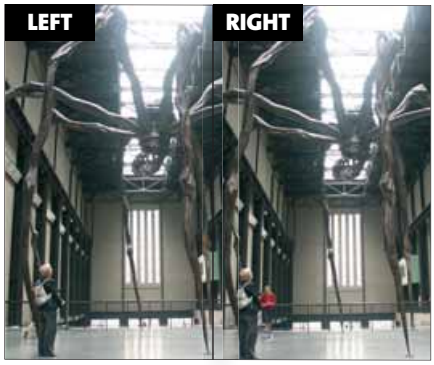
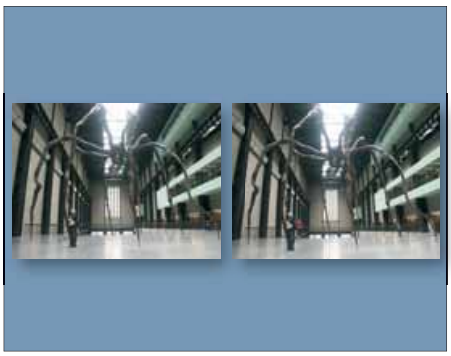


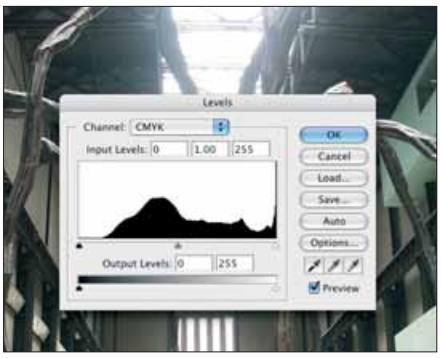

## 1 Take *your shots*

Compose your image with your digital camera and take your shot. Then move the camera about two and a half inches to the right and take another shot. Do not move the camera up or down. These slightly different images will be the basis for the stereoscopic view, and work on the same principle as the human vision.



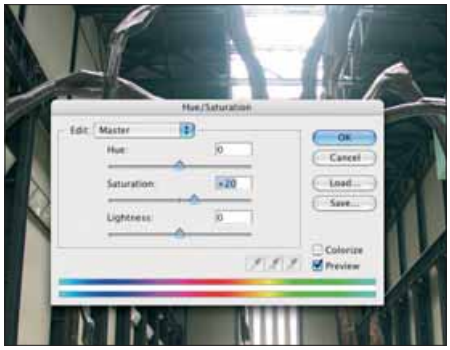
## 2 Left *& right*

Open the two images on your PC in Photoshop. Remember which one is the left shot and place it on the left side of your monitor. Do the same with the right shot. You can tell which is the left shot easily by looking at the subects – if they are more to the right in one shot, that will be the left image.




## 3 Increase *brightness*

Increase the brightness of the images to help compensate for the darkness of the coloured lenses. **Image > Adjustments > Levels**. Increase the mid range slider to about +20%. Remember to apply this adjustment to both of the images equally.

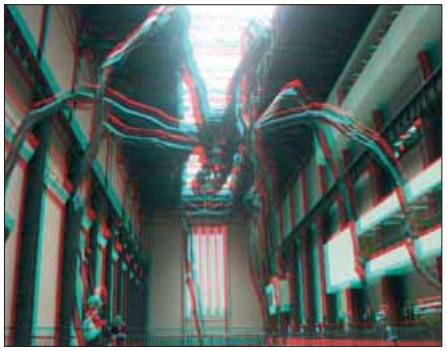



## 4 Extra *saturation*

Increase the saturation of the images by about +20%. **Image > Adjustments > Hue/Saturation**. The increase in colour will help to overcome the washed-out effect that the mixture of coloured lenses creates.

## 5 Remove *red*

With the right side image active, select the channels palette by doing **Windows>Channels**. Click onto the RED channel (the other eye icons should then disappear). Go to **Select>All**. The marquee will run around the entire image. Hit delete, as this will remove all the RED channel's information.



## 6 Paste *channel*

Now select the left side image. Click onto the RED channel and again, go to **Select>All**. Copy the RED channel, **Edit>Copy**. Then, paste the channel into the right image's empty RED channel. You will now need to put on your Red and Green glasses to continue with the next steps.

## Turn Your Existing *Images 3D with Photoshop*

It's possible to convert your existing 2D images into 3D Anaglyphs, even if you haven't taken the required two 'side by side' shots as in the above tutorial.

This works on the principle that the red and blue/green channels are moved apart from each other to produce the stereoscopic illusion. The further apart you move them, the more sense of depth you gain to the image (although you only need to move the red channel to do this). You will erase or mask off each layer of depth and build up a composite of increasingly converging channels, until the foreground subject has very little or no colour shift at all. Start with a simple background, and go for more complex images as you get to grips with the 3D process.

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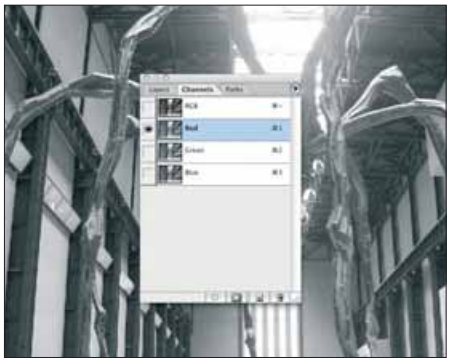


## 7 Final *adjustment*

With the new RED channel still selected, use the move tool to adjust it. This may take a little fine tuning as you align the images. Click onto the RGB composite to view with your glasses as you progress. You may need to move the RED channel up or down as well as left and right, until the image becomes clear.

## 8 Crop *image*

Depending on how much you have had to move the channel, you will have to crop the image slightly in order to remove any edges that would spoil the 3D effect. Your 3D image is now ready to either view on screen, or print out.

# TOP TIPS!

### TAKE IT AS YOU SEE IT

**Possibly the easiest way of taking the stereoscopic images for your tutorial is to take one shot as normal, then move the viewfinder to the other eye and take the remaining shot.**
**Remember not to move the camera or yourself, up or down between shots. The two images must marry up on screen and if there has been any movement, this may destroy any blending.**
**This also applies to moving subjects. The more stationary the surroundings, the better the end result will be.**

### LOG ON TO...

**As well as our very own fantastic WDC site, use these websites as a source to give you some useful inspiration with your 3D stereoscopic photography.**

**http://graphicssoft.about.com/cs/photoshop/ht/3danaglyph.htm**

**http://www.sue-davis.co.uk**

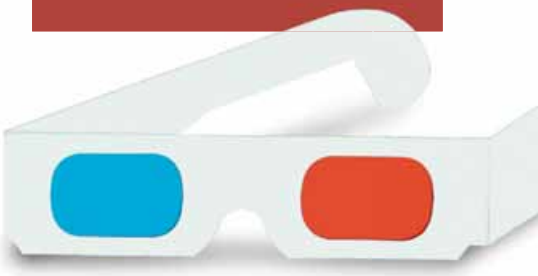
**http://xal3d.homestead.com/Galleries.html**

**And don't forget your glasses!**

**www.assistpoint.co.uk**

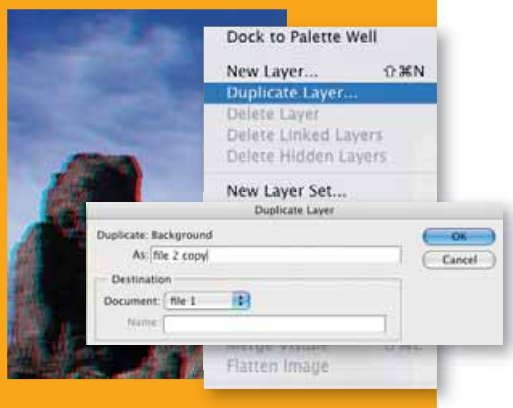
**www.eclipseglasses.com**

**www.ebay.co.uk**
**(search 3d glasses)**



**STEP 1.**
Open your first RGB image in Photoshop and duplicate the file.
**STEP 2.**
In file 1, select the RED channel and move it to the left about 20%.
**STEP 3.**
In the file 2, move the RED channel about 10%.
**STEP 4.**
Duplicate file 2 using file 1 as the destination. (File 1 should now have two layers with the top layer having less colour shift).
**STEP 5.**
It's a good idea to work with your 3D glasses on at this point. Either select the mask mode to work in, or use the eraser tool. Remove the unwanted background of the top layer to expose the underlying layer. You should see the sense of depth come through as you erase the background.

**Step 2:** Select the RED channel in the Channel palette. Move, using the arrow keys (to constrain), to the left




**Step 4:** Duplicate the layer of the second file, using the first file as the destination to ensure an exact overlay

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# Retouching *The Body*

**SOFTWARE**
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**LEVEL**
**ADVANCED**

## Most celebrity photographs in magazines are retouched to some extent. We reveal some of the techniques you can use on your photographs

**For many photographers, the digital age is one of manipulated images where there is little left of the original image. They see people's body shapes being altered and enhanced, their hair colour and eyes changed and the lines of age or fast living being eradicated by the click of a mouse.**

All this, they assume, is to make the final photograph more appealing to a wider, or targeted audience so that a product will sell more or that a celebrity will look more attractive.

What these purists seem to forget is that photographs have been altered and have continued to be so ever since photography began. Look at the work of the great Hollywood studio photographers such as George Hurrell or the great British photographer Cecil Beaton. A critical inspection of the negatives and prints of these famed photographers will show a multitude of retouching. This was an art in itself and on no account should it be dismissed as mere trickery. After all, even the great painters used poetic licence when they were painting a commissioned portrait.

When you embark on retouching a portrait photograph, you should be looking to enhance the image overall, and not be trying to create a completely different image. Handled sensitively, the computer should be seen as a tool to aid creativity and also to educate the photographer into different ways of seeing.

Adobe Photoshop has become the first choice for retouchers now that desktop computers have enough power to perform manipulations. The liquefy tool in particular – that would have needed expensive workstations with multiple processors and bespoke software – is now available to all of us.

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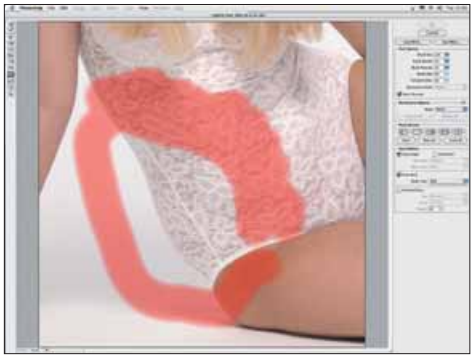
**Left:** The Liquify command displays its own interface and set of tools, but is accessed through the Filter menu

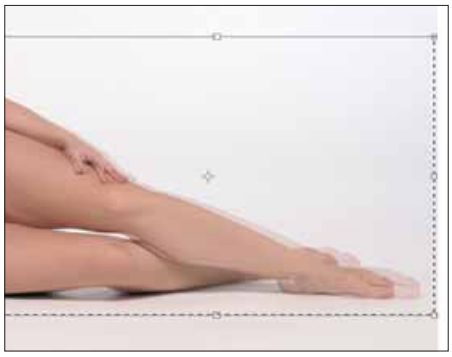
## TOP TIPS!

**Slimming down the waist, cheeks, and stretching neck, arms, legs etc: sometimes these things need to be done, as we are a culture that admires thin people yet have a glut of food available. Consequently few of us, celebrities included, are in perfect physical shape.**

**Emphasising features: If your subject has some great features ie, fine curves or piercing eyes, then it is a good idea to highlight these so that our attention is drawn to them and away from other less-attractive areas.**

**Generally manicuring the features: Take creases out of clothing, remove shiny spots from noses, add a healthy tan and generally tidy up the subject's imperfections until you have an image of perfection on your screen.**





## 1 Retouching *the waist*

The most useful tools for retouching the body are the WARP ,PUSH LEFT, and FREEZE tools. The warp tool moves groups of pixels with the cursor, while the WARP PUSH LEFT tool moves the pixels sideways as you drag in any direction. If you drag the cursor up, the pixels shift to the right, down to the left and so on. This can be a really useful tool for removing bulk from legs and waists as it can be gently brushed. Both these tools are destructive to the pixel and can leave nasty distortions if not used correctly. The FREEZE tool is a mask that stops any movement of selected pixels.

## 2 The *legs*

The transform tool stretches pixels and allows you to apply a number of distortions. In this instance I have highlighted the legs only and stretched them to make them appear more slender.
You will have to be careful when stretching body parts – for example, in this example it would be very easy to make this model's feet resemble divers' flippers.

## 3 The *skin*

The bronzed look: A healthy tan makes anyone look more attractive.
Here, I have masked out the background and clothing and used the SELECTIVE COLOUR command to tan the flesh by removing cyan, and then by adding magenta and yellow to the pale neutral skin tones. With selective colours, I then added +8 of magenta, +19 yellow and +6 black.

## MUSCLES

**The CURVES control is a powerful tool for adding contrast. Careful use of contrast can emphasise muscle bulk on men or subtle curves on women. Also by using the dodge and burn tool, you can 'paint in' or emphasise existing contours.**

**Left & Right:** Using curves can increase shadow depth

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# Retouching *The Eyes*

## Improve the whiteness and colour of eyes with these steps

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS**
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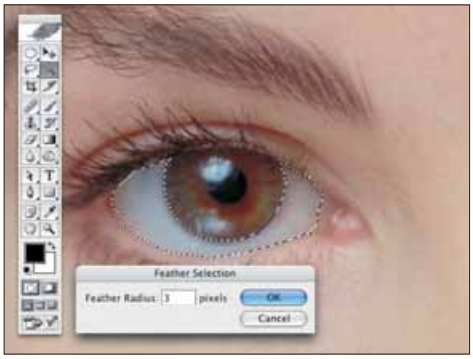
**The eyes are the windows to the soul, it is said. But in some cases, the windows can be yellow, bloodshot and tired!**

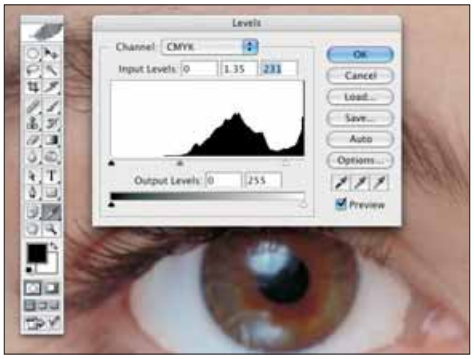
This tutorial will show you how to make your subject's eyes whiter and give them a new lease of life. We will cover a selection of methods and show you the best way to improve the luminance of white areas, and how to change iris colour.

## Improve *Whiteness*




### 1 Magic *wand*

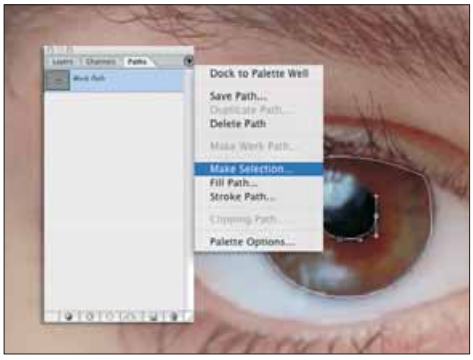
Zoom in close to the eye so it fills your screen. Select the magic wand tool, set the tolerance level (in the menu bar) to about 5. Click and select the white part of the eye. Press shift and click to keep adding to the selection until you're happy. Then do **Select >Feather** and enter a feather amount of 3 pixels. This will soften the edges of your selection.




### 2 Adjust *the levels*

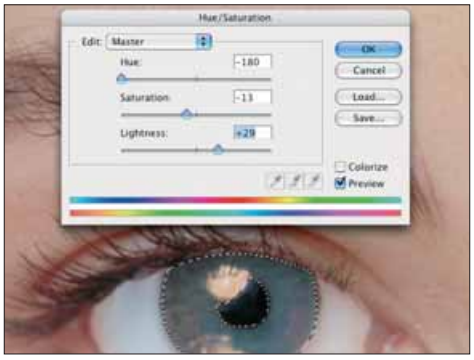
Select **Image>Adjustments>Levels** and start to drag the middle slider to the left. You will notice the eye gradually increase in brightness. Don't go too far as this will cause noticable edges to the eye. If it helps, before you select the levels, do **View> Show> Selection edges**, as this will hide the edges of the selection, allowing you more visibility.

## Change *The Iris*




### 1 Pen *tool*

Select the pen tool and click on the edge of the iris. Click futher round and hold down the mouse dragging out slightly to one side. This allows for a curve in the path. Continue round the iris to join up. Make another path on the inside, around the pupil. With the path palette open, click on the options button and select make selection. Enter a feather value of 3.




### 2 Hue *& saturation*

With your selection active, hide it as per the tutorial above (**View> Show> Selection edges**). Select **Image > Adjustments > Hue&Saturation** and adjust the sliders in order to gain the required colour. Again, remember not to overdo it as this may be noticeable.

## TOP TIPS!

**Remember that most of us have TWO eyes, so when making your selections, make two before you tackle any changes. It will be too difficult to match up any enhancements to each eye individually.**

**To add another selection, hold down shift on your keyboard. You will notice that the selection icon changes to a little plus sign. This lets you know that you can add to, or make a second selection.**

**To get a realistic iris colour, open an image of another eye colour you prefer. With the colour picker tool ( little dropper), select the iris colour.**
**On your original document, choose Fill>Foregound colour and select mode to Soft light. This will add the selected colour to the iris.**
**For a more controlled approach, choose undo and then Fade fill.**
**You can adjust the opacity slider to refill the colour back into the selection.**

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# Retouching *The Teeth*

Always wanted teeth perfect for the Oscars? Here's how!

**SOFTWARE**
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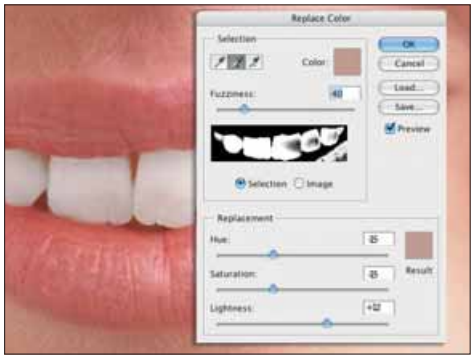
**We all hate the dentist, right? Now with the help of Photoshop, we can all have American movie star teeth.**

As with the eye tutorial (see the opposite page), many of these techniques will do the same thing – but below we will cover some other ways of selecting and enhancing colours. We will also show you how to repair chipped and broken teeth, and even how to replace a missing tooth.

## Improve *Whiteness*

### 1 Select *The Teeth*

Zoom in close to the teeth. With the lasso tool, draw a selection around the teeth, making sure you don't include any of the lips.
Hide the selection: **View > Show > Selection edges**.




### 2 Select *The Yellow*

Select **Image>Adjustments>Replace colour**. With the main picker, click on an area of yellow. The b&w image will update to include the pixels selected. With the '+ picker', click around the teeth over more yellow, until b&w image appears almost white. Adjust the sliders to remove the cast.

### REPLACE A TOOTH

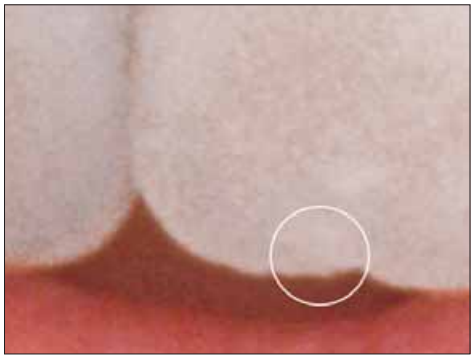
**STEP ONE: With the pen tool, draw around a tooth next to the gap. Make the path into a selection**

**STEP TWO: Copy and paste the tooth onto the image and move into position over the gap.**

**STEP THREE: Go to Edit > Transform >Flip Horizontal to flip the tooth. With the transform tool (Edit>Free transform), rotate the tooth to match the rest.**

**STEP FOUR: With a small soft eraser, soften the edges of the tooth. Flatten the image and save.**

## Repair *A Tooth*



### 1 Clone *tool*

Zoom right into the affected area of the tooth. Select the Clone tool and choose a suitable soft brush size.
Option click next to the area of the chip and start to apply. Work along the edges up to the lips.

### 2 Repair *the tooth*

Choose different brush sizes as you need, to apply to smaller areas. Keep zooming in to make fine adjustments. Use the blur tool to soften any noticabely hard edges. Don't go too far, as blurred pixels can be obvious.

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# The Patch *Tool*

## You don't need to spend a fortune on cosmetic surgery to look good. Improve your looks with the Patch tool

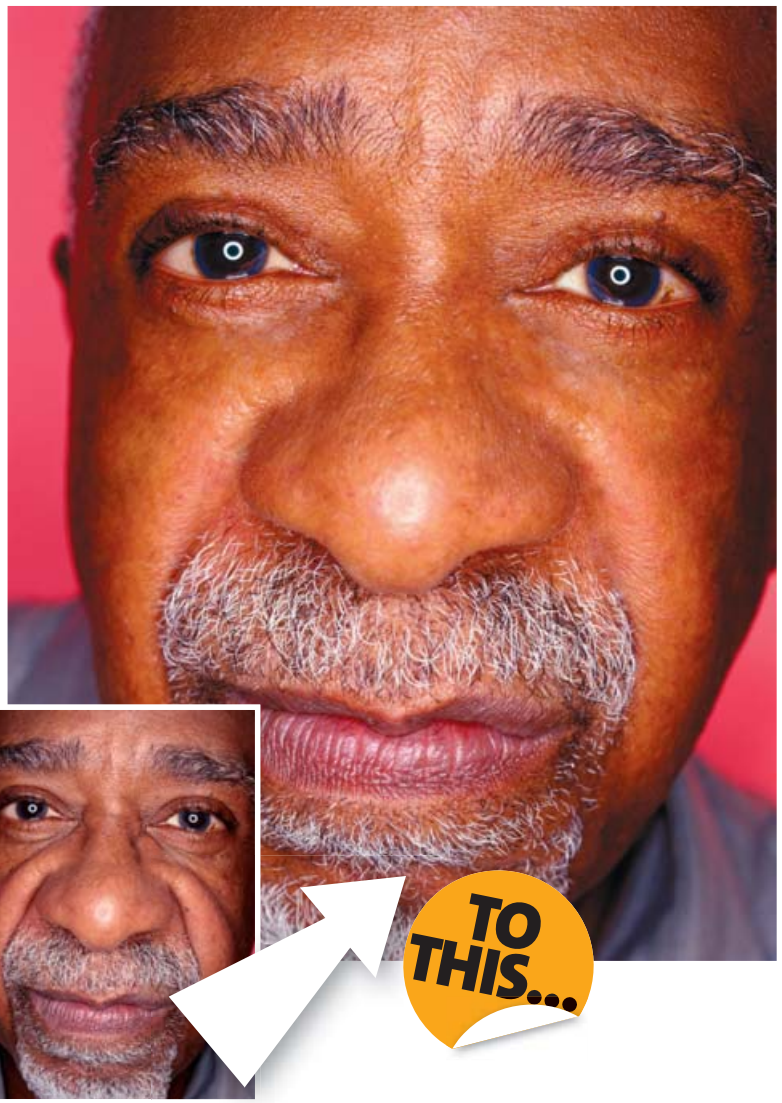
**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS**
**LEVEL**
**ADVANCED**

**This image may be taking it to extremes but it's a great example to show you how to use the astounding Patch tool as an alternative to the Clone Stamp tool.**

The Patch tool is a new addition to Adobe Photoshop 7.0 and it works in a similar way to the Healing Brush tool.

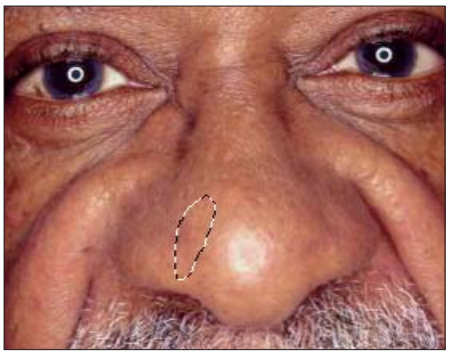
It's so simple that even a child could master this tool – you simply draw a lasso around the area you want to 'repair' and then drag the selection to a clean area that you could use as the source. Just release your mouse button and the job's done, as the software will automatically take the 'clean' area and blend it into the original selection. It's as easy as that!

Why don't you try the technique below with one of your own photographs?




## TOP TIPS!

**Once you've made a selection, if you Ctrl+click, a drop-down menu will allow you to change your selection from destination to source or vice versa**



### 1 Convert *modes*

Open your image and then drag the background icon onto the new layer icon in your layers palette (this will allow you to keep an original copy to refer back to). Then select the Patch tool from the toolbar (shortcut = J).

### 2 Select *swatch*

The character in our image has lots of deep wrinkle lines – slowly select them with the patch tool lasso. If you release the mouse button, you'll see the 'marching ants', and your destination point has been made.

### 3 Paint *brush*

Grab the selection and drag it to an area of the face that is relatively blemish-free. Once you're happy release the mouse button and the filter will do its magic. Keep repeating until your final image is 20 years younger!

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# 25 Top Tips

These are our favourite Elements tips to make your life easier and your pics better

## TURNING THE STRAIGHTEN TOOL ON ITS SIDE

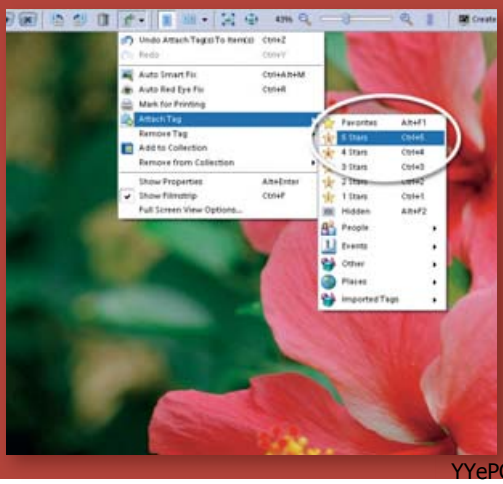
So you think the Straighten tool in Elements 4.0 is a cool new addition to your editing arsenal. Well why not? Being able to reorientate crooked horizons by drawing a straight line along the demarcation point between sky and ground is a simple solution to correcting photos that have been taken slightly askew, but the real power cheat is the way the feature can be used to straighten vertical picture parts. Choose the Straighten tool, then hold down the Ctrl key while drawing a line (click-drag the mouse) alongside a part of the photo that should be vertical. Release the mouse button then the Ctrl key, and the photo is automatically rotated to the precise degree. All that is left to do is crop out the edge detail.

## INSTANT WARMTH

Create an instant sense of warmth to photos that are suffering from being too blue because they were taken on an overcast day, by employing the powers of the Adjust Color for Skin Tone feature. This will switch the cold feeling of the photo to one that is more reminiscent of hot, balmy afternoons.

## SELECTING FAVOURITES IN FULL SCREEN MODE

Anyone who has played with the View Photos in Full Screen option (select thumbnails in the Photo Browser workspace and then press F11) in Elements knows that this feature produces a quick slideshow displaying each photo in turn according to the settings that you make in the initial pop-up dialogue. What is not generally known is that, with a few quick keystrokes, you can add star ratings to your pictures while they are being progressively shown on screen. Ctrl plus numbers 1 to 5 attach 1 to 5 star ratings, with Alt F1 adding a Favorites tag and Alt F2 hiding the thumbnail altogether. These keystrokes ratings system makes the Full Screen mode a great way to edit the images from a recent shoot.



## OFFLINE STORAGE

Most Elements users create their catalogues (the thumbnail collections that you see in the Photo Browser workspace) from folders of images stored on their hard drives, or directly from their camera downloads. But the program can also generate catalogues from pictures stored on CD or DVD disks. When you **File > Get Photos** from your disk you have an option at the bottom of the dialogue that lets you keep the original pictures 'offline' (on the CD or DVD) but load proxy versions of the photos into Elements to use for browsing, searching, tagging and organising. If you try to make changes to the photo itself, Elements asks you to insert the original disk so that the program can apply edits to the full version of the file. Offline files are indicated with a small CD disk icon in the top corner of the thumbnail. If you don't select the Offline option in the Get Photos dialogue, Elements will copy the photos from your disk to the hard drive, then create a catalogue from this collection of files.

## PAINT YOUR WAY TO PRECISE SELECTIONS

So what does ten years of Photoshop practice get you? Well one thing is for sure, I can now make complex selections using the Lasso, Marquee and Magic Wand tools and a variety of 'add to', 'subtract from' and 'intersect with' actions with comparative ease. So you can imagine my surprise to find that Elements users can create equally as complex selections in seconds using naught but a few scribbles. Using the Selection Brush tool, you can create a selection by simply painting over the areas of the picture that you want included. To remove areas from the selection just hold down the Alt key and paint again. >>

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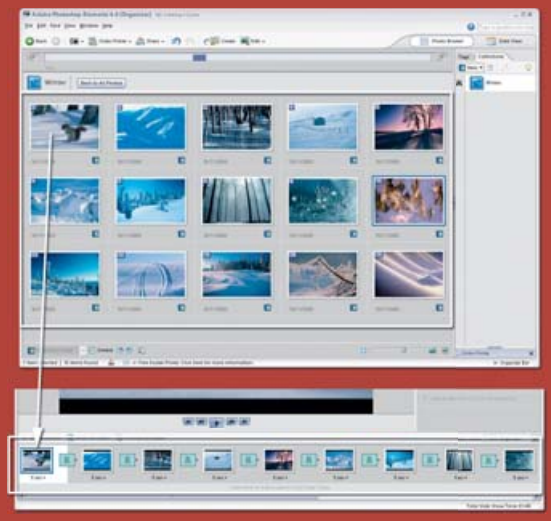
## USE COLLECTIONS FOR FAST SLIDE SHOWS

Many people think of the Collections feature in Elements as another way of adding tags or labels to selected images. And in many respects this is true. Collections are another way of grouping photos with a similar theme, but the images that sit within a collection also have another property – they can be sequenced. Next time you double click on a Collections entry to display the images contained in the collection, notice that each is numbered (top left hand corner). Individual photos can be moved to a new location by simply click-dragging the thumbnail. Pre-ordering the pictures in a collection is a great speed cheat for making fast slide shows, as the sequence in the collection is reflected in the slide show editor.



## ADD CAPTIONS TO MULTIPLE PHOTOS

You can add the same caption to multiple photos quickly and easily by multi-selecting the thumbnails in the Photo browser first and then selecting the Add Captions to Selected Items option from the right-click menu.

## FAST EDITS

Though I am a big stickler for ensuring that I maintain quality enhancement practices at all times, there are still occasions when editing speed is more desirable than ultimate editing control. If haste is the order of the day then there is no quicker way to enhance a bunch of photos than to multi-select the pictures in the Organizer first and then choose Auto Smart Fix Selected Photos from the right-click menu. And there is no need to panic if you don't like the auto correction results, because Elements saves the original file along with the newly edited photo in a Version Set, which means that you can reverse the enhancement at any time.

## FACE TAGGING

Who says that all the 'face matching' security software that's employed in our major airports has no creative spin-offs? In what some might say is a strange application of the technology, Photoshop Elements can now locate and display the faces in not just one but a whole bunch of photos via the Find Faces for Tagging option. For those photographers who regularly create images of people, or groups of people, this feature alone will save loads of time. Just multi-select a variety of images, then choose the **Find > Find Faces for Tagging** option, and Elements will search through the photos, displaying the found faces in a special Tagging dialogue. Next, drag the tags to the faces (or faces to the tags) to add the label to the associated photo.

## SHOW ME THE PICTURES.....ON MY TV!

Media Center computers are starting to pop-up everywhere. These are the machines that let you watch, record and time shift live television, play music and show movies all from your humble PC. With the release of version 4.0 of Elements, Adobe has started to forge strong links with the software (Windows Media Center) that drives these home theatre computers. Now from inside the media center you can access Elements' catalogues and slide shows, directly providing options to display your photos or show your presentations on your TV. Similarly the output options from inside the new revamped Elements slide show editor now include specialist settings for Media Center display.

## PIXEL-BASED SEARCHES

The ability to search a series of pictures by filename, date taken or even some obscure metadata entry is nothing special. Many editing and management programs can do that. But what about searches based on dominant pixel colours? The Photo Browser **Find > By Visual Similarity with Selected Photos** option does precisely that. It uses the colour and tones in the selected thumbnail (or thumbnails) as the basis for locating other photos in your collection that are similar. The program then displays the results, arranging the most similar results first and successively less-exact matches next.

## MATCH PHOTO FORMAT TO PAPER PROPORTIONS PERFECTLY

Next time you want to ensure that a photo will fit perfectly on a specific size of printing paper, reach for the crop tool. Select the correct proportions from the options in the Aspect Ratio drop-down menu and then proceed to crop the photo to the format of the printing paper.

## IMPORT DON'T INPUT YOUR CONTACTS

With the Order Prints and Photo Email features making use of the email and address details from the Elements Contacts Book, adding in a list of your nearest and dearest could be quite a task. But rather than retype all this data, simply import the contacts lists from other programs on your computer. Select **Contacts Book** from the Edit menu, then click the Import button. Choose the program where the list is stored, then click OK. The contacts and their details are automatically imported and ready to use.

## RED-EYE CORRECTION ON THE FLY

Next time you have to correct the red-eye in a bunch of party photos, try the Red Eye Removal Tool in Elements. Long before this beauty ever appeared in Photoshop, Elements users had been using this one-click wonder to correct the red eye in their flash photos. Simply select the tool and click on the red part of the eye. Elements determines the extent of the red and converts the colour to a more natural dark grey. If the program is having trouble removing all the problem colour, try click-dragging a marquee around the offending pupil.

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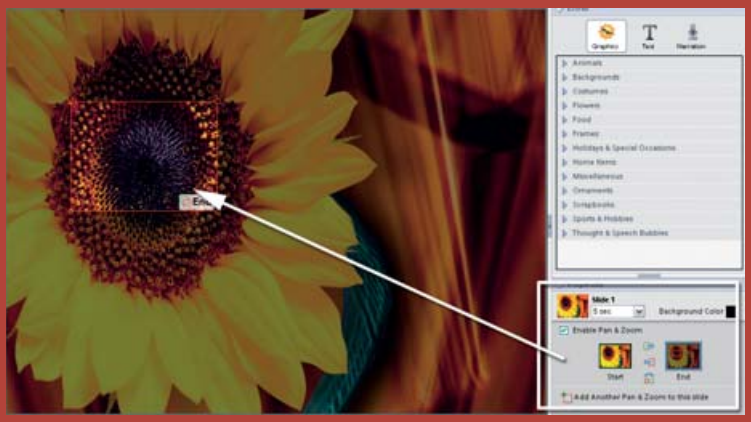
## LOVE PHOTO BOOKS BUT HATE THE TEMPLATES?

Many users love the Bound Photo Book feature but don't like the pre-made templates that come with it. If you want to take back some design control, then create each of the book pages (complete with text, images and backgrounds) individually as Elements documents and then insert these pages as full-page photos into the Full Bleed book option in the creations wizard.

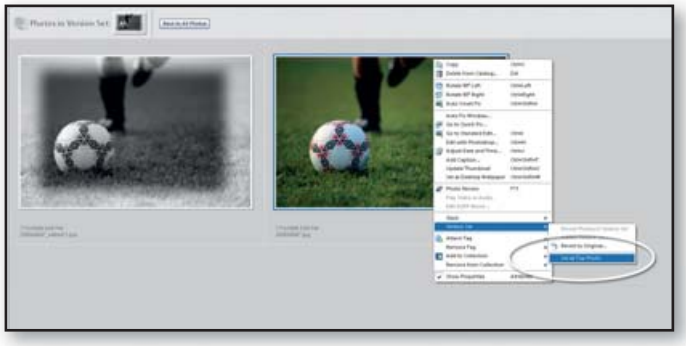


## ANIMATED STILLS

Is the over use of the 'spiral', 'horizontal blind' or 'coarse dissolve' transitions of home made slide presentations driving you crazy but you still want to add some movement to your otherwise still show? Take a look at the zoom and pan options in the new slide show editor. This feature provides the option to gradually zoom into, or pan across, the surface of a still photo as part of the presentation. The effect can be used to produce very dynamic results and is similar to the techniques that professional documentary film makers use in order to animate historical documents.

## SAVEABLE UNDO - VERSION SETS

The Version Set feature in Elements is a terrific tool to use when you want to produce a range of editing outcomes from a single photo. As you make changes to the file in the Editor workspace, be sure to save each different enhancement outcome as part of the version set (use the checkbox at the bottom of the Save As dialogue). Now when you close the file, the saved stages of the edit process are stored along with the original. Using the right-click pop-up menu you can elect to display the photos in the set and then promote any version to the top of the set.



## MULTIPLE FILE PROCESSING

One of the little-used features of both Photoshop and Photoshop Elements is the ability of these programs to process multiple files from one format and size to another. Automating such tasks makes the job of supplying a series of images for the production of a website a much easier and less time-consuming proposition. In Elements, start by multi-selecting the files in the Photo Browser (organizer) workspace. Next select **File > Export > To Computer** and proceed to choosing the file type, size, compression, common filename and location of the converted images. Click the Export button to process the images.Photoshop users have similar abilities when using the Image Processor script located in both Bridge (Tools > Photoshop > Image Processor) and Photoshop CS2 (File > Scripts > Image Processor).

## STRAIGHT STROKES

Draw straight strokes with the Airbrush, Brush, Pencil and even the Eraser tool by holding down the Shift key and click the mouse button once to mark the beginning of the line and then click a second time to mark the end of the line. Successive clicking will continue to draw straight lines from the position of the previous mouse click to the new one. Complex straight edge designs can be constructed easily using this technique.

## NO AUTOMATION IN ELEMENTS? NOT TRUE

Die-hard Photoshop users often pooh-pooh Photoshop Elements for its lack of automation features, pointing to the batch-processing abilities of the program's bigger brother as proof that no serious photographer would use anything else. But hidden away under the File menu in the Elements Standard Editor workspace is the Process Multiple Files option which gives Elements users a level of automated processing that even Photoshop users would have to admit is impressive. With the controls contained in this single dialogue, you can rename, resize, change file formats, adjust contrast, colour, levels, sharpness and even add a watermark (labels) to files contained in a folder or already open in the workspace. For quick, efficient processing of multiple photos this is certainly the place to start.

## CHANGE BACKGROUNDS WITH EASE

One of the hardest steps in the process of changing the background of a photo is the erasing of the original background. If the results of this action is convincing then you are well on your way to a successful montage. One option not often used is the Background Eraser tool. Nestled with the other Eraser tools, the pointer for this feature contains two parts – a circle (the size of the selected brush) and a crosshair in the centre. To erase, simply move the crosshair over the areas that you wish to remove.

## MULTIPLE PRINTING & DISTRIBUTION

You know the story. You're the only one at the family reunion who remembered to bring a camera and now every uncle Tom, Dick and Harry (and that's not mentioning your aunt's requests) wants a copy of the photos you took. I'm sure, that like me, there are plenty of readers who just don't have the time to spend the next few weekends printing and posting the pictures to your favorite relatives. Well, sigh no more. The Order Prints pane in Elements provides a print and post solution with drag-and-drop simplicity. After adding in the addresses of family members, simply drag the picture from the organizer work space onto the print pane and a print order will be created. Next, click the Confirm Order button and the order is sent to an online print provider such as the Kodak Easy Share Gallery. Add in some credit card details and the pictures will be printed and posted out to your relatives in a matter of days.

## WHERE'S MY LAYERS?

Want to select a layer directly from the workspace rather than the layers palette? Move the mouse cursor over the picture and then right-click to display a pop-up menu of all the layers present at that point. To choose a layer, simply select it from the menu. This layer then becomes the active layer. Keep in mind that the pop-up menu will only display those layers with a picture part directly under the mouse cursor. If a layer is transparent at the point of the cursor it won't be listed in the menu.

## ASSIGN A PROFILE WITHOUT CHANGING A PIXELS

In version 4.0 of Elements Adobe completely transformed the colour management system to make it easier to use and understand. Essentially you can choose between a screen-based workspace that use sRGB or a print one using AdobeRGB. Selecting one of the options in the Image > Convert Color Profile menu will convert the picture's color to the selected color space. However if you press Ctrl/Cmd when selecting a new profile, it will apply the profile without converting. This gives the image the appearance that it has been converted but maintains the underlying colors of the original. This option is the same as Photoshop's Assign Profile command.

## TRACK YOUR CHANGES

After a long editing session it can be difficult if not impossible to remember the enhancement steps that you used to arrive at the end result let alone the order that you applied them in. This is where Photoshop's History Log can help out by providing an ongoing record of the precise changes that you make. Activated in the **Edit > Preferences > General** dialogue, the feature tracks your adjustments and stores them either in the file's metadata, as a separate text file or both.

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# Restore *An Old Photo*

We show you how you can bring your old, treasured colour photos back to life

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS**
**LEVEL**
**ADVANCED**

**Memories are made of these... or so the song goes. Old photographs are no exception. These little treasured snapshots of our history are unique and much prized by all of us. But of course, over time, that history takes its toll. It may only seem like yesterday, but our photos from the Sixties and Seventies are now rapidly ageing.**

Early automated photographic laboratory technology led to poor fixing and washing of prints. Emulsions don't stand the test of time particularly well when under adverse conditions, especially when kept in 'sticky' albums and hung on a wall near the sun. Over the years, the colours begin to fade to yellow and gradually disappear. In this tutorial we will help you to bring those colours back to life and renew any damage to the image.

Of course it's not always that easy to remember the true colours of an old photo, the clothes being long since discarded, and of course hair changes colour as we get older, too. So a sense of 'artistic licence' is required for some of your badly damaged prints.

## SCAN THE IMAGE

First, clean your flatbed scanner, removing all dust and hairs from the glass. This should always be done as a matter of course, but it is essential with scanning old photos – after all, why make more work for yourself?

After giving the print a dust off too, scan the image at a high enough resolution to give you enough pixel information when zooming in. In this example, we scanned in at 300ppi: this would give us enough information to print at least twice the size of the original.

You may feel that you want to adjust the scan using the scanner's auto functions, but it is probably better to have more control and do all your refinements in Photoshop.

## SAFETY FIRST!

First, as a standard of safety, it is always advisable to save a copy of the untouched image. If all else goes wrong, you can always go back and start again! Choose Save as>Copy. Select the crop tool and draw a marquee around the image, keeping it to the inside edge of the white border, as we will discard it. Rotate the crop marquee slightly to match that of the scan and press return to accept the crop. Drag the background layer to the new layer icon on the layers palette. This will enable us to work without affecting the original image. We can toggle on and off the background as we proceed to evaluate our progress. Leave the background invisible for now.

Colour photo restoration is always subjective, with many different requirements and a host of different methods of obtaining pretty similar results. As a personal preference, I like to work in the CMYK colour space, as this helps me predict the final output for printing.

The screen shots you will see in this tutorial will be in CMYK but if you prefer to work in RGB then that's fine and just use the steps as a guide.

First we will adjust the tone of the image with levels. The tonal range of the image shows the contrast between the darkest pixels (black) to the lightest pixels (white). This will help us see how badly our colour cast is affecting the overall tone. Then the cast is removed with the use of curves and adjustment layers. The cast in our image is red so that is what we will remove to start, before enhancing any of the other colours.

Then comes the hardest part. Make good use of the clone tool and the healing brush when it comes to repairing the image. Never stick to the same brush size for too long. Keep your strokes more as 'dabs', and never repeat around the same area because repetition will occur.

Try to be inventive when it comes to reparing completely missing areas. I always look for similar information and copy and paste using the pen tool, laying it over the affected area and blending it in. There are no hard and fast rules: whatever looks convincing at the time will suit.

At the end of the day, just have fun with it and don't get too worried if it doesn't go right first time round. >>

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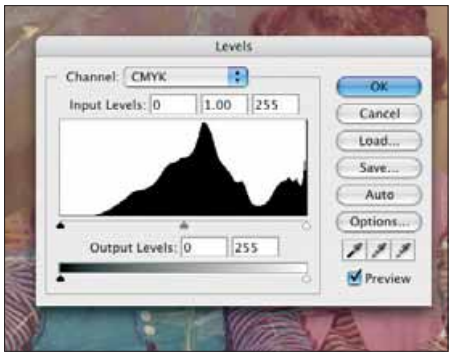
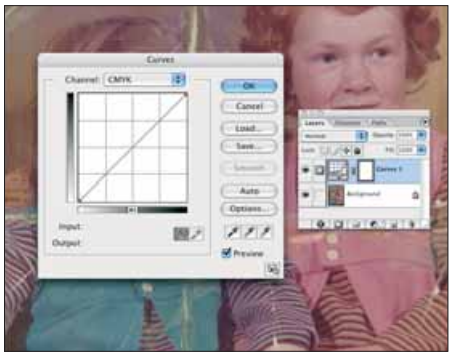



## 1 Adjust *tones*

Choose **Image > Adjust > Levels** and make sure the preview option is selected. Slide the shadow triangle on the right inwards. Adjust the tonal level until the details are just visible in the shadows. Don't overdo this as you may start to lose the information in the highlights. You can try Auto levels if you don't want to experiment.

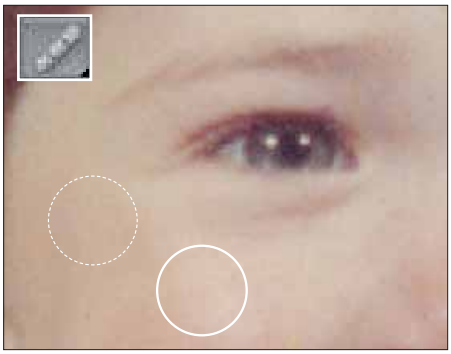


## 2 Adjsut *curves*

Select a new adjustment layer from the bottom of the palette, choosing curves. Adjust each curve to remove the underlying cast. In our example it is a red/magenta cast. Then try to adjust yellow to gain a more pleasing skin colour. Don't be too worried about correcting colours yet as we will come back to it later.

## 3 Remove *dust*

Now select the clone tool and start to remove all the dust spots around the image. Option click as close to the offending spot as possible for a convincing repair. Remember not to have your brush size much larger than the spot you are removing, and always remember to 'dab'.



## 4 Healing *brush*

Choose the healing brush when you come to important areas such as the face. The brush acts in a similar way to the clone tool, but it also retains the underlying texture. Again, work around the face, changing brush sizes as you go.

## 5 Missing *bits*

As you come across areas of completely missing information, techniques to rectify these will depend on your image. Try the pen tool to select a similar unaffected area, make the path a selection and feather by 1 pixel (**Select>Feather**) and copy and paste over the missing area. Use the Transform tool to rotate if required.

## 6 Final *clean*

To give the image a final clean, link all but the original background layer and choose merge linked from the layer options. Duplicate this layer and apply Gaussian blur (**Filter>Blur>Gaussian**) to soften any remaining spots that are there. Add noise (**Filter>Noise>Add noise**) about 2% gaussian. Change the layer blend to Darken.

## Creating *Skin Colour*

You have to remember that this is not beauty retouching. Don't expect an image, years old, to suddenly become like new, sharp and detailed.

But we can try to get as pleasing a result as possible, that will transform any old image into, at best, an 'improved' one.

Skin is a very tricky subject to tackle. With the two girls in our example, the girl on the left has a more ruddy colour, whereas the other is more neutral.

There are many ways to achieve a better skin tone, but it really is down to personal preference as to which you think is realistic. Generally the skin is adjusted using curves or hue and saturaion, but here is an alternative.

Try opening a new image. It would help the image was taken under similar lighting conditions. Use the colour picker from the tool bar and select an average skin colour.

With your path already drawn around the face and made into a feathered selection of 1 pixel, create a new layer. Start to paint inside the selection with a suitable brush size. Reduce the opacity of the layer down to roughly 15% or 20%. The underlying skin colour will show through and give an even colour range. Take care when brushing into the hair and around the eyes and the mouth. Continue to select dark and light areas of the new image and apply over the new layer, adjusting the opacity as you go.

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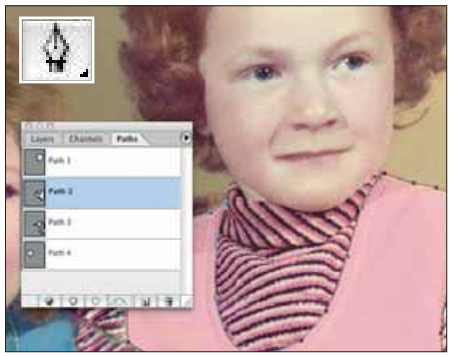
## 7 Layer *mask*

The image may feel slightly soft around the highlights, so to rectify this, apply a mask to the layer (**Layer>Add layer mask>Reveal all**). With a suitable brush size, paint back the faces and skin to reveal the sharper detail.



## 8 Make *selection*

With the pen tool, draw around an individual piece of clothing – in this example we drew round the little waistcoats. Double click on the path and save it. Now make the path a selection by choosing make selection from the path options. Feather 1 pixel to soften the edges.

## 9 Enhance *colour*

Select a new hue & saturation adjustment layer from the layer palette. Use the sliders to enhance the existing colour, changing from highlights to midtones and shadows. Repeat this path selection process on all the sections you feel need special attention. Remember to save each path for future use.

## 10 Toggle

When the image is near completion, toggle the original image background by bringing it to the top of your layer stack. Turn it on and off to get a good judgement of the work you've done so far. If necessary, make final overall tonal changes using levels and curves.

# TOP TIPS!

### THE EYES HAVE IT

Remeber, don't forget to pay attention to the eyes. It's very important that these are not ignored. Use the pen tool to select the whites of the eyes and make them into a feathered selection. Adjust the levels to bring back the whiteness. Don't go too far, as it will become too obvious. Finally, use a very small brush size with a white colour and just add a dot back in the reflection glints in the pupils.

### ROUGH SELECTION

It's sometimes a good idea to make a rough selection around the area that you want to heal. This protects what you're working on and prevents surrounding pixels from affecting the blend. Use M for the Marquee tool, L for the Lasso and W for the Magic Wand.

### PRESET PATTERNS

If you choose Pattern as your source (activated from the Options bar), you can heal an area with a preset pattern. The pattern will blend into the picture. Unlike the Clone Stamp, the Healing Brush doesn't have an option for controlling its opacity – but there is a way round it. Use the brush and then, to lower the opacity of your stroke, go to the Edit menu and choose Fade Healing Brush. In the dialogue box, use the slider to achieve the desired amount.

### PAINT IT BACK

This is one of the best features of Photoshop and is similar to the Clone Tool. It's mainly used for retouching blemishes and is a sort of 'intelligent' version of the Rubber Stamp tool that tries to limit the copying to the damaged part of the image, filling in the blemishes as seamlessly as possible. The cloned material has its colour and luminosity matched to the surrounding area.

## Change *The Original Background*

To save time and effort, it's worth thinking of ditching the original backgound.

Draw a path around the the subjects and right up around the background. Make the selection a mask, by clicking on the mask icon at the bottom of the layers palette.

Using the colour picker, select a light and dark area of the original background.

Create a new layer and drag it below the subject layer. With the lighter colour, fill in the background. Then choose a suitable brush size and begin to airbrush softly the darker colour near the bottom of your subjects. This will give a less flat feel to the background.

Add or subtract to the layer mask until you feel you have realistic edges.

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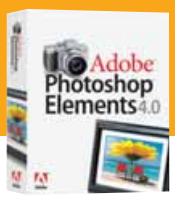
# Shadow Details

We show you how to reclaim lost details in dark shadow areas of your images

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS (MOVIE- CS)**
**LEVEL**
**BEGINNER**




**It's nearly summer! 'Hooray' I hear you say. Time to get out and shoot great pictures in the sun. And yes, summer is a good time to take photographs, with the bright sun-lit subjects that abound, who can complain?**

Well, YOU might if you don't tackle exposure and metering issues before you take your shots.

If you keep your camera on Auto function, then you are at its mercy. The aperture will close down to compensate for the brightness of the scene and in effect, make any shadow areas darker than they should be.

As you can see in our example (above) the family scene on the beach is taken with the camera pointed directly towards the sun (take care to avoid damaging your camera if you try this yourself). The image has exposed the little boy and the surrounding areas, but as we move outwards to the edge, the details become darker and darker. Some are entirely lost, making the image high in contrast.

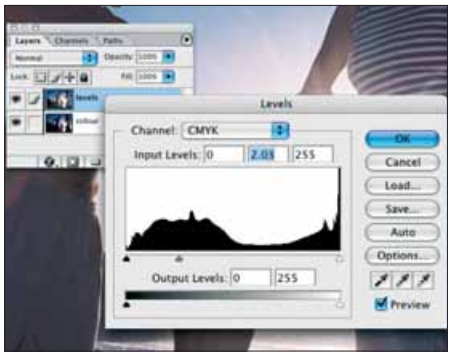
In this tutorial, we will try to regain those lost details as most of the information is still there in the image. We will create a layer stack, the layers of which will interact with each other by using layer blend mode and opacity.

In Photoshop CS, you will find the auto function Shadow/Highlight that will do this job for you. But if don't have it, then this is a very good alternative.

Remember to save the file as a PSD file if you want to retain the layers for futher editing later on. And one last point to remember, don't work on the original, save a duplicate first!

## 1 Duplicate *image*

Save a duplicate of your original image. Convert the copy image to **LAB** mode, **Image > Mode > LAB**. In the channels palette delete the a & b channels and convert to greyscale **Image > Mode > Greyscale** and then finally back to RGB. Name the file 'Lightness'.




## 2 Levels *adjustment*

Open the original colour document, double click background to convert it to a layer. Name it 'colour'. Duplicate this layer by dragging the layer down onto the new layer icon at the bottom of the layers palette. Name it 'Levels'. Now increase the lightness of the midtones with the levels, **Image > Adjustments > Levels**

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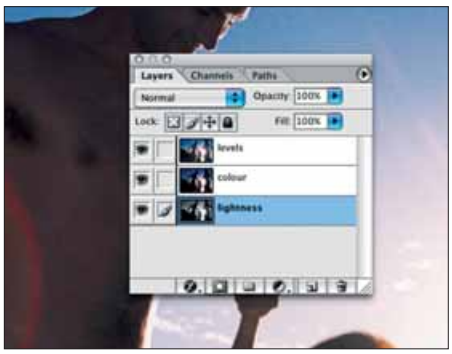
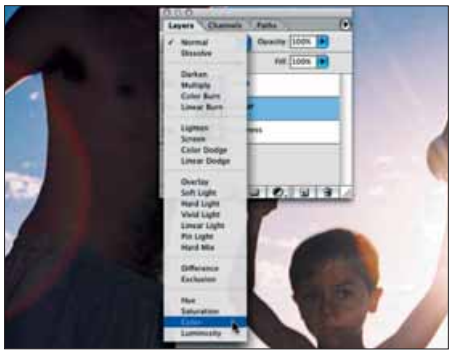
## 3 Duplicate *layer*

With your black and white 'Lightness' file open, duplicate the image into your original colour file, by selecting Duplicate Layer from the options fly-out menu. Select the colour file as your destination. Name the duplicate layer 'lightness'.



## 4 Layer *stack*

Now drag the the new lightness layer down to the bottom of the layer stack. You need to make sure that your layers start with the lightness (B&W) at the bottom, followed by the 'colour' layer and finally the 'levels' layer at the top.



## 5 Blend *mode*

Select the 'colour' layer and then change the layer blend mode to 'colour' from the drop down menu in the layers palette. Immediately you will see a lift in your shadow details.

## 6 Opacity *slider*

Finally, select the 'levels' layer and increase the opacity using the slider to gain more brightness in the overall image. Now, adjust this layer to suit.

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# Adjustment *Layers*

Adjustment layers allow flexible colour changes; learn their power

**SOFTWARE**
**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 7.0 & CS & ELEMENTS**
**LEVEL**
**INTERMEDIATE**

**If you've ever looked at an image and thought: 'What was I doing when I colour-corrected that?' you'll love Adjustment Layers. They are simply another way of doing the colour adjustments you'd normally do via Image>Adjustments, but with the option of re-editing them at any time, leaving the original intact.**

In addition, Adjustment Layers can be reduced in opacity, turned on/off, deleted, masked and modified with blending modes. One could describe them as very sophisticated acetates which you see the image through, and they have all the capabilities of the Image>Adjust commands. If you're still wondering what the point of all this is, let me outline a couple of different scenarios:

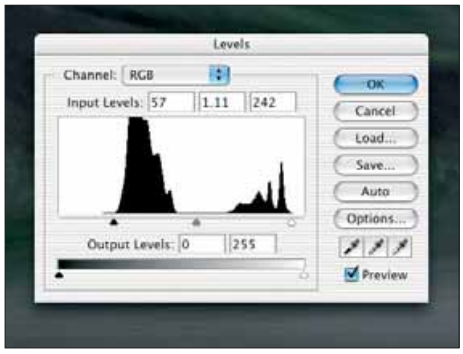
You've colour corrected an image, but when you look at it again the next day, the colour looks all wrong. It was too yellow to begin with, but you made it too blue. The only thing to do is another colour correction, taking it back a bit. You now find that the image is looking too dark, so you have to correct for that as well. The trouble is that every time you do colour adjustments back and forth, the file deteriorates, particularly when the adjustments contradict each other, as described here. With Adjustment Layers, all you'd need to do is double-click on the offending layer, which brings up the dialogue box, just as you left it yesterday, so that you can bring back the overcorrected blue. Unlike the Menu adjustments, which are set in stone, these are saved with the image and editable forever.

The second scenario is the adjustment that benefits 80% of the image, but has an adverse effect on some small areas. Simply take a suitable size brush tool, set the foreground colour to Black and paint on the image in the offending areas. Sometimes a gradient can be used.

The image here was shot from a train at 1/4 sec. I wasn't quite sure what I wanted from the colour, so I played a bit back and forth – something you can only do with Adjustment Layers. All I knew was that the original looked washed out, and that the lines of the movement needed to be teased out, as well as the depth. Although I have tested and deleted a couple of adjustments, below is a fairly linear description of what I did to it.

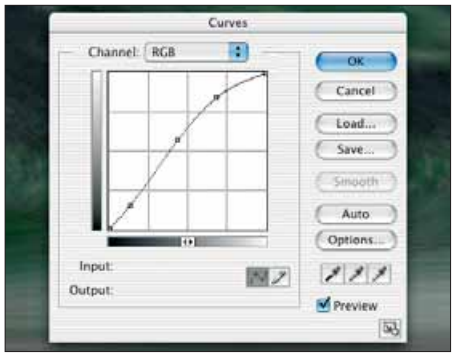
**TOP TIPS!**

**DRAGGING LAYERS** An Adjustment Layer can be dragged from one image to another. Try this if you've shot a few similar images with the same exposure. Put the images next to each other and activate the document you're dragging from. Drag the adjustment layer firmly and drop onto the other image. If you drag several, start with the bottom and work upwards, so the order remains the same.



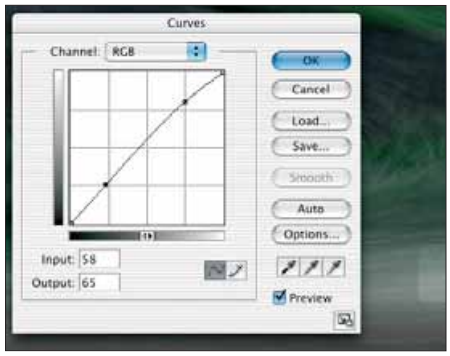

## 1 Make *layer*

Make a Levels Adjustment Layer: press the round black & white button in the Layers Palette and scroll up to Levels. Drag the white slider in to the first information on the graph on the right hand side. Drag the black slider in to the first information on the left side. Here I clipped off a few pixels. If the midtones are too dark/bright, drag the middle slider slightly left or right.




## 2 Curves *adjustment*

Open a Curves Adjustment Layer in the same way. If the image has a red, green or blue colour cast, go to the cast's channel and drag a point downward from the middle. If the cast is cyan, magenta or yellow, go to the opposite channel and pull the line up. Here I raised the green a little to get rid of a magenta cast. Toggle the Preview button off and on, to judge the change.




## 3 Another *layer*

Make another Curves Adjustment Layer. Use the composite RGB channel to make the mid-tones lighter (lift up), darker (pull down) or more contrasty. In order to get more contrast and brightness, raise the highlight and lower the shadow. A steep S-curve like this can distort the colour so I changed the Blending Mode to Luminosity, limiting the adjustment to contrast only.

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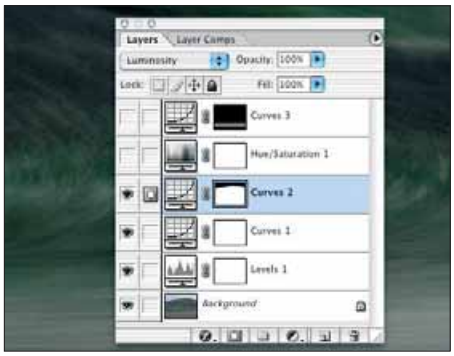
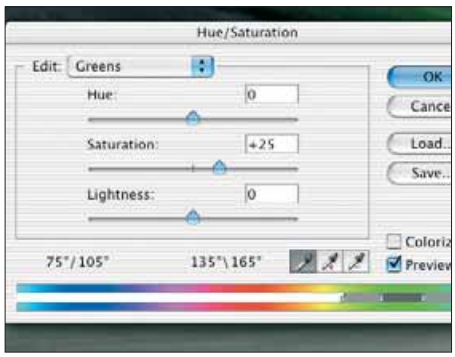


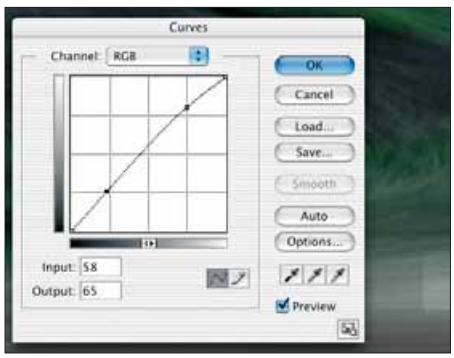

## 4 Separate

Separating the colour adjustment and contrast on two layers gives freedom to mask off areas of one layer without affecting the other. Some areas can be adversely affected by the contrast adjustment, especially highlight areas with crucial detail. Take a Brush tool, set the foreground swatch to Black and about 30% opacity. Now the area can gently be masked back.




## 5 Hue *& saturation*

Make a Hue Saturation Adjustment layer. To increase saturation of all colours, drag the Saturation slider right. I scrolled the Edit range to green and saturated it +25, checking the colours were still well within gamut: **Menu>View>Gamut Warning**. Saturating can introduce unprintable colours. If you get a grey overlay, move the slider to the left until it disappears.




## 6 Extra *depth*

I wanted to give the image extra depth. A bright horizontal area could do with being even brighter so a selective adjustment was needed. Make a test patch with the marquee tool then make a new adjustment layer. Having lightened the test patch, I then took a Brush with White as the foreground colour and painted in the adjustment exactly where I wanted it.

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# Create a Website

## A weekend with nothing to do? Now is a great time to root out cherished photos and make an online gallery

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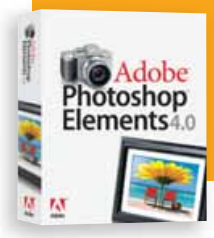


**Unlike in the early days of the internet when budding website developers needed to understand HTML coding in order to put their pages together, many photo-editing packages now have website-building wizards that are designed to guide you painlessly through the whole process. In this tutorial I will show you how easy it is to convert a series of photos into a fully functioning gallery site using the HTML Photo Gallery wizard in Photoshop Elements.**

The HTML Photo Gallery wizard turns a bunch of photos into a fully linked website quickly and simply. It is one of the Photo Creations options that are provided in both version 4.0 and 3.0 of Photoshop Elements. In earlier versions of the program look to the File > Automate > Web Photo Gallery feature to create websites easily. It is possible to jump straight into the HTML Photo Gallery feature by clicking the Create button on the Photo Browser's shortcuts bar and then choosing the option from the list of Photo Creations in the displayed dialogue, but in this technique I would like to introduce you to a slightly different approach.

### ELEMENTS COLLECTION

Start by opening the Photo Browser or Organizer workspace (choose the View and Organize Files from the Element's Welcome screen). Now search for and multi-select (Ctrl plus left mouse click) the pictures that you want to include in the gallery from those in your catalogue. Usually at this point you would select the HTML Photo Gallery option from the File > Create menu, the selected photos would be transferred automatically into the features dialogue and you would create the site; but instead we will add the photos to an Elements' Collection. One advantage of using a collection as a starting point for transferring the files to the HTML Photo Gallery feature is that pictures in collections can be sequenced. The position of each photo in this sequence is indicated by the number in the top left corner of the thumbnail. This sequence is then reflected in the positioning of each image in the website gallery. So rather than have the images randomly appear in the gallery, add your photos to a collection first, display the collection and then click-drag the thumbnails around the collection space to finetune the location of each photo.

Once inside the HTML Photo Gallery wizard it is a comparatively simple matter of selecting the style of gallery to create and then working through the settings in each of the tabbed sections – Banner, Thumbnail, Large Photos, Custom Colors – adding text and adjusting size, compression and caption controls as you go. The settings available for adjustment will change according to the style selected. Not all settings are available with all styles. Once the details are locked, just add a place to save the files and folders that will be created, and click the Save button. Elements then proceeds to resize and optimise the picture files to be used as both the thumbnails and larger gallery photos in the site. In addition the program generates the necessary pages, adds in the pictures and captions or titles information, and finally links all the pages together so you can jump from one to the next.

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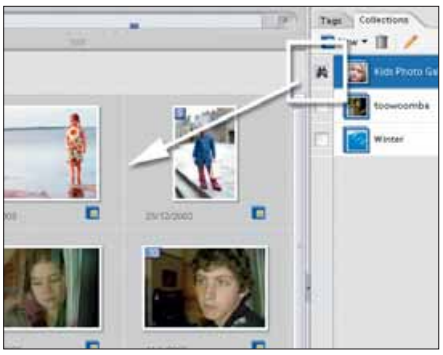
## 1 Select *photos*

Enter the **Photo Browser** (Organizer) workspace and select the photos that you want to include in the gallery. To select a series of photos click on the first thumbnail then hold down the **Shift key** when you click on the last photo. All pictures in between will be selected. To select individual photos that are not in a row hold down the **Ctrl key** and click on each of the pictures to include.

## 2 New *collection*

With the photos now selected open the Collections pane (**Window > Collections**) and create a new collection entry by clicking on New and adding the details for the website collection into the dialogue displayed. Click **OK** to add the collection to the list in the panel. Click-drag the new collection entry into the browser space and onto a selected photo. This adds the photos to this Elements collection.



## 3 Add *details*

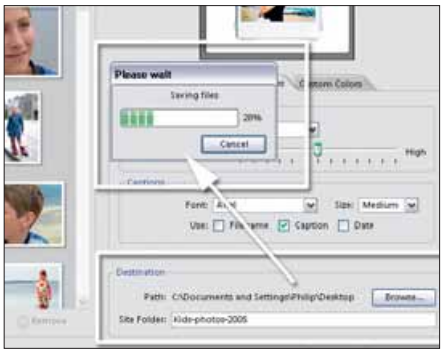
To display just the photos that are part of the web collection, click onto the empty box to the left of the Collection entry in the Collections pane. Elements will display only the files that are part of the collection. Click on each photo in turn and add a caption by typing into the **Properties** pane (in the General tab). Adjust the position of each photo in the sequence by click dragging the thumbnail to a new area.

## 4 HTML *gallery*

Select all the photos in the collection, then choose **File > Create > HTML Photo Gallery**. Elements will add the selected photos to the HTML Photo Gallery dialogue and display them in a thumbnail list on the left. The sequence of photos can be adjusted by click dragging individual thumbnails to a different place in the list. Extra photos can be added by clicking the Add button, or removed from the list by selecting the thumbnail and clicking on the **Remove** button.

## 5 Adjust *settings*

Select the **Gallery style** from the drop-down menu at the top of the dialogue. A preview of the style is displayed in the thumbnail beneath the menu. Next adjust the settings and fill out the text boxes in the Banner, Thumbnails, Large Photos, and Custom Colors sections. Not all settings will be available for adjustment with all website styles. Be sure to select the Captions option in the Large Photos section as this will place the text you input in step 3 next to the photo on each web page.




## 6 Create *gallery*

Finally, input the destination directory and a name for the site folder. Click **Save** to instruct Elements to start creating the website. The program then goes about constructing the pages, resizing and optimising the photos to include, and then linking all the components together. The completed site is saved in the website folder and contains the front-page file, called index.html and up to three folders (images, pages, thumbnails). The site is now created.

## Template *Design*

There are a wide range of templates supplied with Photoshop Elements to be used in conjunction with the HTML Photo Gallery. Though the starting point for each of the templates is the same, you can customise the look to a certain extent by adjusting type font and size, image size, the caption and title details included and the site colours.

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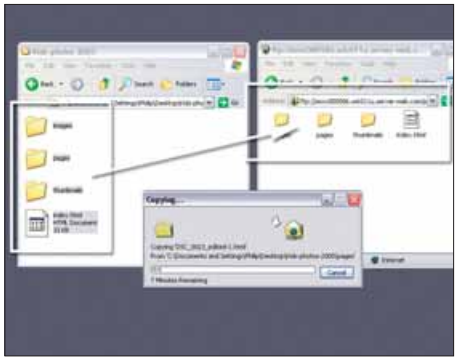
## 7 Secure *ISP space*

Next, transfer all the files to some server space on the Net. I used the hosting space provided by my email company but you could use a free hosting service like the one from Tripod (www.tripod.lycos.co.uk). In the help pages for your provider, look for entries to do with 'Your Web space', 'Uploading files' or 'FTP' – that relates to the process used for uploading files). Input the FTP settings you find here into the Windows' Add A Network Place wizard (located in My Network Places) to create a web folder.



## 8 Upload *files*

After completing the steps in the Add A Network Place wizard, open the new web folder from My Network Places. You may need to input your FTP login and password. Check with your provider for these. Next you will see a window showing the space available to you on the server. Locate the folder containing the newly created website files and directories, select all the sites components, then drag them to the open web folder. This action copies the files to the server space.

## 9 Test *the site*

Once the files have been transferred, test the site. The URL (web address) you use for the site will vary according to your webspace provider but usually it will be a combination of their site address and your login name. Don't underestimate the importance of testing. A website is made of many small files that link together to form the pages. Not uploading just one of these files will cause some aspect of the page not to function properly so check each page as well as the main or index pages.

# TOP TIPS!

### DESIGN A BESPOKE GALLERY

**If you have a creative mind you may be able to design a much more impressive website using a dedicated web design program that you could get from the Elements or Photoshop web templates, and it'll be more personal than the downloadable templates found elsewhere. You'll be starting with a blank page, so the final look of your website is limited only by your imagination – plus one or two technical constraints. Be careful not to overdo it with long-winded flash animations though, as they can be extremely irritating, especially for those with a slow internet connection.**

**CHECK OUT:**

- **Macromedia Dreamweaver: The Photoshop of web design, aimed at pro web designers (£335)**
- **Adobe Go Live: Also part of Adobe's Creative Suite (£335)**
- **NetObjects Fusion 9: Simple and versatile ($199)**
- **Serif WebPlus 9: Simple and inexpensive (£59)**
- **Freeway Express 4: Lite version of Mac-only option ($99)**

### USE A WEB-HOSTING SITE

**If you want your own website but lack the time, imagination or technical know-how to design one from scratch, there are numerous companies who can provide a service for you. For a set fee, and perhaps a monthly or annual hosting fee, they can provide a selection of templates into which you simply drag and drop your images. They provide you with a domain name (your own dot.com or dot.co.uk address) and host the site for you, so you don't have to worry about server space.**

**CHECK OUT:**

- **www.clikpic.co.uk**
- **www.zsites.co.uk**
- **www.mrsite.co.uk**

## Other *Software*

**PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS 2.0 – This version of Elements doesn't contain the Photo Browser or Photo Creation workspaces but you can still create your own website using the *File > Create Web Photo Gallery* option. The dialogue is a little different from the one included in version 3.0 and 4.0 but the functionality is very similar.**

**PHOTOSHOP – In CS2 it is possible to multi-select images to include from the Bridge workspace before selecting the *Tools > Photoshop > Web Photo Gallery* feature. As with earlier versions of Elements the wizard dialogue is a little different to the one displayed in our example here, but many of the controls and settings are exactly the same.**

**PHOTOIMPACT - In addition to being able to make your web pages Ulead PhotoImpact also provides an automated slide show feature. Simply add the slide show action to a rectangular slice on an existing web page, add your pictures adjust the slideshow settings and you're done. When the page is displayed pictures flick from one to another automatically.**

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# Putting It *All Together*

We show you how to improve your landscapes with your new skills and just a few clicks of your mouse

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**Taking pictures of landscapes can be one of the easiest forms of photography. Let's face it, there are no people for you to try to organise, no waiting for animals to give that all-important position and no tourists (with any luck) to get in the way of your shot.**

You would like to think it would be just a case of setting up your camera in front of a few hills and just taking the shot. But of course you'd be wrong. Yes, landscapes can be a more solitary experience, but it still requires a degree of discipline, effort and luck.

'Light' can make or break that illusive money shot. As all good tutorials will tell you, one of the secrets to a great landscape can rest on what time of day it is and how the light falls on your scene. The best times of day can be morning or afternoon as the low sun can cast long shadows that in turn create deep textures and a sense of three dimensions. Alternatively, a dark winter's day with strong grey clouds can convey drama and mood.

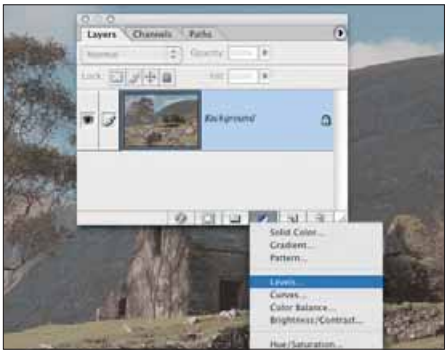
Either way, you can find yourself standing with your camera for a long time, waiting for the correct light conditions. With the help of Photoshop, you can increase the likelihood of a successful shot in the editing process by applying some basic corrections and enhancing filters.

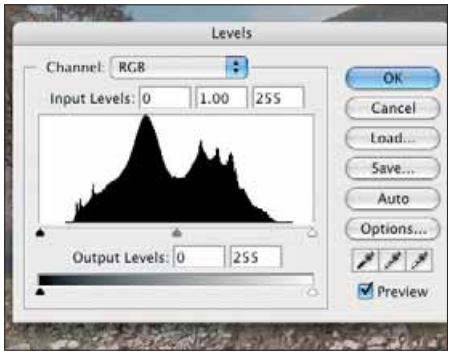
In this tutorial we will look at how to create an adjustment layer, adjust the levels in the image that enhance the tonal qualities, colour saturation, and unsharp masking.

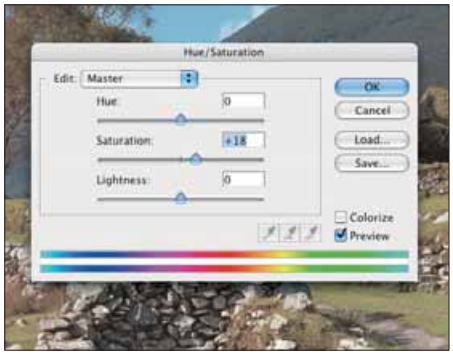
Like any photography, these enhancements are applied with personal taste, depending on what you wish to get out of the subject matter. In our example below, we need to punch up the colours, especially the greens and blues, we need to sharpen the detail in the trees and stone walls and we need to enhance the tonal values.

Although Photoshop can be an invaluable aid with your landscape photography, it's not a magic wand. If you are serious about your images, it is always advisable to spend more time on location getting it right in-camera first.

Remember also to bracket when shooting and shoot more than you need to, because a landscape can change dramatically within seconds as the clouds pass overhead or the sun sets.




## 1 Adjustment *layer*

From the menu bar choose **Layer > New Adjustment Layer > Levels**. Or you can choose the adjustment layer from the icon at the bottom of the layer palette. The icon is the fourth from the left and is a two-tone circle. The new layer will appear above the background image. The adjustment layer is a non-destructive layer that affects the whole image.

## 2 Alter *levels*

The levels palette displays a Histogram illustrating the tonal values of the image. The left slider is the highlights, the middle is the mid tones and the right, the shadows. Pull the shadow slider to the left to increase brightness to a desirable position. Adjust the mid tones either left or right. You can adjust individual colours from the drop down menu.

## 3 Hue & *saturation*

Create another adjustment layer, but this time selecting the Hue and Saturation option. Here we will increase the colour saturation. Choose the Blue from the drop down menu. Then use the Eyedropper tool to select the blue you wish to enhance and pull the Saturation slider to the right. Don't go too far or you will start to affect other blues.

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## 4 Colour *range*

Repeat this process with the greens, in order to bring out more punch in the grass and foliage. Use the + dropper to select a more dynamic range of colours or choose the - dropper to subtract colours. You can also click, hold and drag across a range of colours that you wish to select with the dropper tool.

## 5 Sharpen

When you are happy with your colour and tonal adjustments, select the background layer, go to the menu bar and choose **Filter > Sharpen > Unsharp Mask**. In the palette options, drag the amount slider to the right. This increases the sharpness of the pixels, more noticeably around edges of objects.

## 6 Save *& close*

With adjustment layers being non-destructive, until you flatten the image, they can be accessed at any time. The image can be closed and reopened, the adjustment layer double clicked and re-edited.

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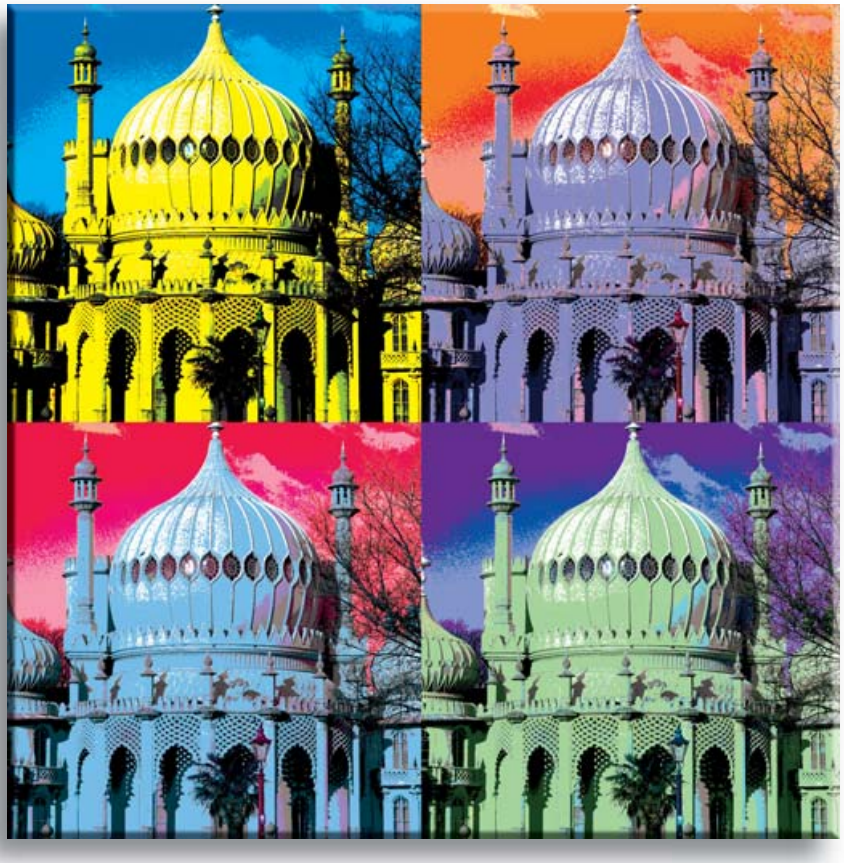

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# Create a *Work of Art*

We show you how you can make life – and your photographs – imitate art with the creative use of artistic filters

**Centuries before photography was invented or digital became the way to take and make pictures, artists had been creating great pictures using such diverse materials as chalk, pastel, pen and ink and, of course, paint.**

Now you can emulate the look of masterpieces using your own photographs as a starting point and adding the artistic 'look and feel' with a few well-chosen, but simple, digital embellishments.

In this tutorial we recreate four artistic styles from humble photographic beginnings, using enhancement steps and filters contained in Photoshop. While our demonstration was carried out in Photoshop, most of the rules apply to other software, like Paint Shop Pro.

## PREPARING THE PHOTOGRAPH

As with all good image editing, one of the first steps is to ensure a good composition. No amount of artistic intervention will make up for a picture that is badly framed in the first place, so using the example image as a starting point, the first job is to crop and straighten the photo. For this type of work the Crop tool is the best option. Click and drag around the area to be saved. Move the cursor outside the selection marquee and click and drag to rotate the image and hit the Enter key to complete.

Next we need to add a little contrast – most of the artistic changes that we will add to the picture work best when the photograph contains a good spread of tones from black to white (contrast). A flat image to start with usually produces flat results. To alter the contrast use the Levels feature (Enhance > Adjust Brightness/Contrast > Levels). Move the black and white points in towards the centre of the graph until they reach the first few pixels in the image. Now for the effects... >>

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# Pen *and Ink*

Using the Graphic Pen filter it is possible to simulate the effect of making a drawing of a photograph with a thin graphic arts pen. Close, overlapping strokes are used for the shadow areas, mid tones are represented by balancing strokes and with the paper colour showing through, and highlight details are drawn with a few sparse strokes.

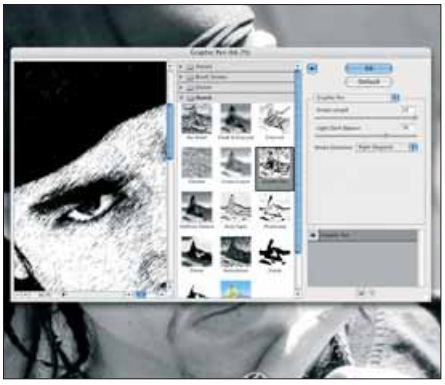
Image courtesy of Sheradon Dublin

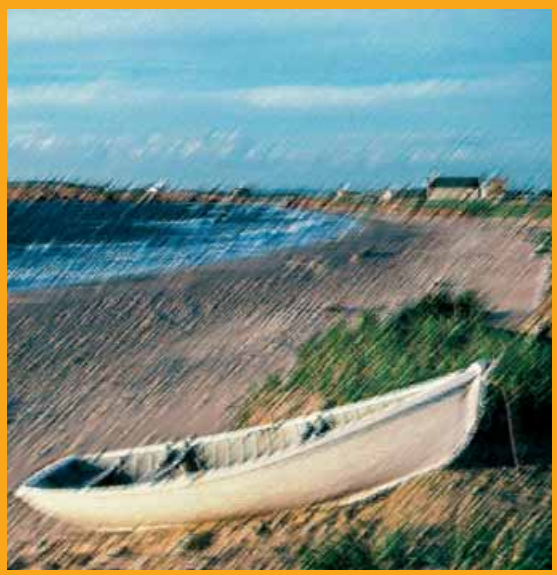
## 1 Apply *filter*

Set colours to default (foreground black, background white) by clicking the black and white squares in the toolbar. The Graphic Pen filter uses the foreground as the 'ink' colour and the background as the 'paper' colour. Select the Graphic Pen filter from the Filter>Sketch menu. Using the Preview window adjust Stroke length, Light/Dark Balance and Stroke Direction and click OK.

## 2 Change *colours*

To add a little more colour to your Graphic Pen 'drawings' select colours other than black and white for the foreground and background values. Double click each swatch to open the colour swatch palette where you can select the new colour. Here I changed the pen colour to brown and the paper colour to light cream.



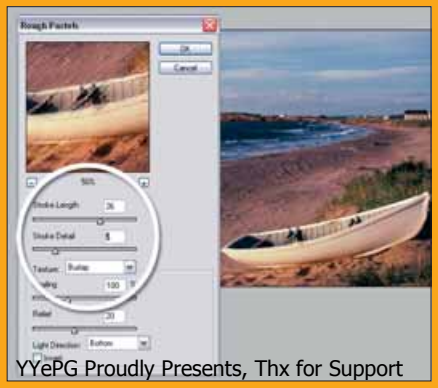


# Rough *Pastels*

As well as approaches like the pen and ink used above, another favourite with artists is the use of pastels or chalks on a roughly textured paper surface.
The tones of the picture are layered upon the paper's texture so that the image detail gradually emerges from the background as a combination of stroke, colour and texture.

## 1 Apply *stroke*

To create this effect we will make use of the Rough Pastel filter found in both Photoshop and Photoshop Elements. The feature contains two distinct control sections. The upper two sliders, Stroke Length and Stroke Detail, are used to adjust the way that the photographic tone is converted to pastel strokes. With the Preview window zoomed in to 100% move both sliders until you are absolutely happy with the mix of detail and tone.



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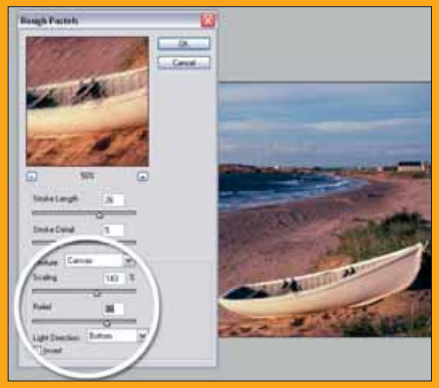
## 2 Change *texture*

When drawing with pastels, artists often use a heavily textured paper. The lower section in the filter dialogue is used to apply such a surface texture to your pastel image. Here you can select the texture type (canvas, burlap, sandstone), the size of the texture (scaling), the strength of the texture effect (relief) and the direction of the light that provides shadow for the surface. After making your texture selections, check the preview and readjust the stroke length and detail if necessary before clicking OK to complete.



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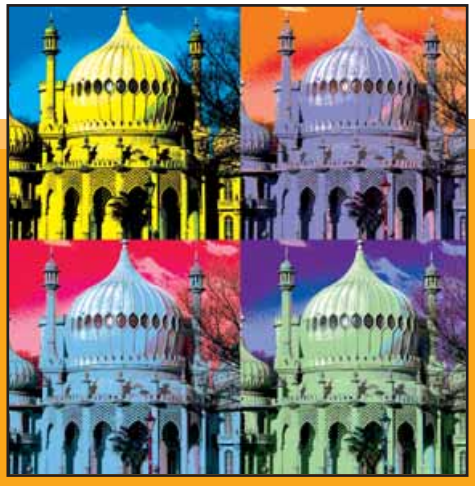
# Watercolour

If you want to create the feeling of a painted surface rather than a drawn one, the Watercolor filter in Photoshop or Photoshop Elements is a good place to start. With this feature the tone and hue of the original photograph is converted to daubs of semi transparent colour with the larger areas surrounded by a darker border edge. To make the effect even more convincing I have applied a texture to the picture after the watercolour conversion.

## 1 Brush and shadow

Start by opening the Watercolour filter from the Artistic option of the Filter menu. Next, with the preview set to 100%, adjust the Brush detail and Shadow Intensity to suit the picture. The third slider, Texture, is used to control the break up of the painted areas rather than any simulated paper texture. This comes in the next step. Click OK to filter.



## 2 Texturizer filter

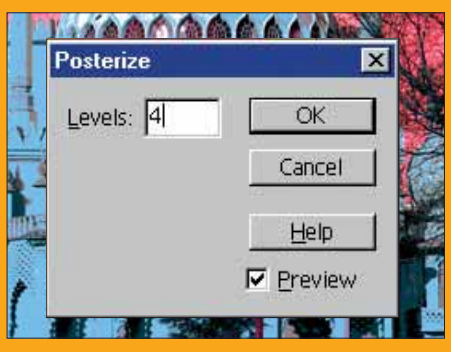
Now to add a surface treatment to the picture to really make the conversion to a watercolour painting complete. For this task we will use the Texturizer filter (**Texture >Texturizer**) which has the same controls and options that we looked at in the Rough Pastel filter. We can choose the type, scale, relief and light direction that will be used for the texture. Be sure to preview the effect of the settings at 100% before clicking OK to apply.

# Modern Art

Andy Warhol invented this unique style in the 60s with his Marilyn Monroe portraits and Campbell's soup cans. Now you can recreate his posterised effect using your own pictures. Warhol's images were constructed of very few colours which were applied in broad flat areas of the picture. Here we will use the Cutout and Poster Edges filters to recreate a Warhol-like look. However, similar techniques will enable you to achieve different Pop Art styles, like that of Roy Lichtenstein, who added a cartoon-like feeling by including a black line around coloured areas.

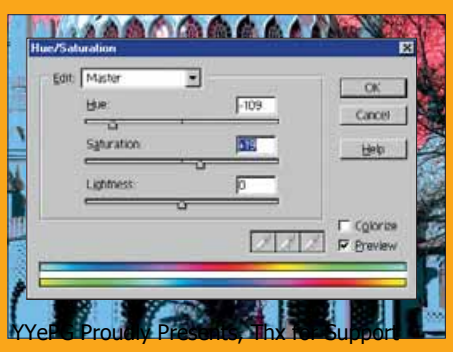
## 1 Posterize

Reduce the numbers of colours in the picture using the Posterize feature from the Adjustments section: **Image > Adjustments > Posterize.** Input the numbers of levels you wish to use for the picture into the Posterize dialogue box. The smaller the number you choose, the fewer colours you'll have in the final picture. In this example we have used four levels.




## 2 Change colours

To make the image colours more vibrant, go to **Image > Adjustments > Hue and Saturation**. You can create many different colour combinations by moving the Hue slider in the Hue/Saturation dialogue. If the new colours are too strong, reduce their vibrancy by dragging down the Saturation slider. But remember, most Pop Art is full of strong primary colours.




## 3 Four up

When you're happy with the finished result, repeat the process three more times, using different colours. Try to keep the colours bold and vivid. You should now have four separate files. Create a new document (**File>New**), that is four times the size of the smaller ones. Then drag each colour image into the new file. Arrange each one into the corners making sure that the colours complement each other.

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# Layer Blends

## Layer blend mode does exactly what the name suggests – it blends a layer with another layer in a choice of modes

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**Layer blend modes can be a bit of a complex concept, but let's try to simplify it. Blend modes permit you to mix the colour of a pixel with that of every pixel in a straight line beneath it.**

A single blend mode can be as powerful as a mask, a filter, and a retouching tool combined.

Best of all, it's temporary. As long as one image remains layered in front of another, you can replace one calculation with another as easily as you can change a letter of text in a word processor.

Unlike some Photoshop filters it allows you to view in real-time so you can immediately see the effects of the different modes available (and there are literally hundreds of combinations).

## TOP TIPS!

**GOLDEN RULES**
For realistic image manipulation, the golden rule as always is to make small adjustments with all filters and blend modes, and to keep adding if needed

### 1 Pen *tool*

Open up the image of the balloon and select your **Pen tool**. Using all the skills from the previous pages carefully trace around the subject, zooming in close (**Ctrl +**) to pick up on all the details such as ropes etc.

### 2 Make *selections*

Once you've completed your path, convert it to a selection (**Path palette** drop-down menu **> Make selection**) and then go to **Select > Feather selection** (this will soften the edges). Enter a figure of 0.3. Copy the selection (Ctrl+C).

### 3 Paste *balloon*

Open the second image and paste the balloon selection onto it. It will appear as a new layer. You may want to rename the layer so you can keep track of it. We will now try to create a realistic reflection on the surface of the lake.

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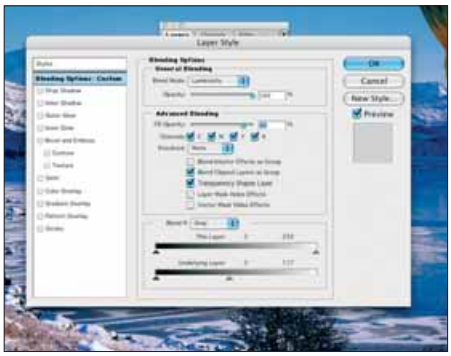
## 4 **Flip** *layer*

Copy the layer by dragging the layer icon onto the duplicate layer button at the bottom of the palette. Go to **Edit > Transform > Flip vertical** and the layer will be vertically flipped to give the impression of a reflection.

## 5 **Position** *reflection*

Position the 'reflected balloon' where you would expect the natural reflection to be. To complete the effect we'll now add a layer blend mode. Go to the Layers palette sub-menu button and select Blending Options.




## 6 **Layer** *styles*

With the Layer style dialogue box open, click the general blending drop-down menu and select Luminosity. Adjust the Fill Opacity to 85%. The final step is to adjust the Underlying Layer slider to allow the highlights to show through.

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# Disaster Montage

## With God-like power, we show you how to get the best from photorealistic montages

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**Slumping back into the driver's seat of his black cab, Charlie took a long drag on his cigarette. 'These will be the death of me,' he murmured as he blew the smoke out of the window.**

It suddenly became quite dark and Charlie flicked away the cigarette, adjusting his wing mirror. As he glanced at the reflection, he stared at the unexpected image. An enormous tidal wave was crashing through Tower Bridge, sweeping traffic into its inexorable path. It ripped its way along the Embankment and within seconds London would be engulfed...

## SET THE SCENE

It's a scene from a Hollywood blockbuster, with spectacular effects. But did you know that your imaging software can create the same powerful effects (although the images are still ones, of course) as seen in the movies?

Armed with your imagination, you can create amazing montages with your own images that will defy reality and leave your audience breathless...

We will tackle the subjects of seamless blending mainly in Photoshop, but most of the rules apply to other software such as Paintshop Pro.

Like all involved topics, it's best to keep your concept images simple to start with as you learn to master the techniques. The more layers you use, the larger the file size will be and the slower your PC will run. Using layers can be confusing if you don't follow the simple steps and keep them in a named order. It's good housekeeping and essential when using complex stacking.

So, sit back, get out the popcorn and get ready to learn the tips and tricks of successful photorealistic montages. >>

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## 1 Plan *your image*

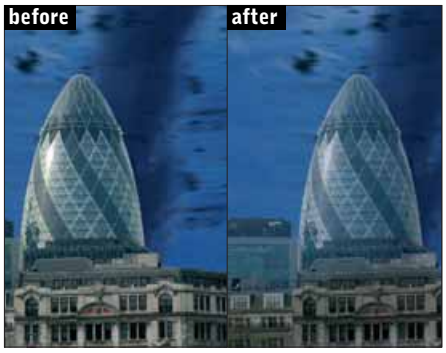
Of all the things you want to remember, it's this: a good plan leads to a great image. Try sketching out rough ideas on paper to help get a better idea if you need to take any extra shots. Go for dynamic angles or unusual viewpoints. Try looking in action comics for inspiration if you need help. Compose the image as you would in a camera.

## 2 Blank *canvas*

Create a new document window, ready to receive your source elements. Make sure that your document is a suitable size for your source images, as you should avoid increasing the size of each source to fit the new document. This would lead to obvious blurring and destroy any sense of photo realism.

## 3 Path *to success*

Open each source image and carefully select the area you want to extract. Using the Pen tool can produce the most accurate results. (See page 68 for more on drawing paths.) Draw around the objects, making sure you select any 'holes' and gaps. It's worth saving the path with the original image for later.




## 4 Make *selections*

With the path now complete, choose **Path > Make selection** from the path palette. Using the move tool, drag the selected image into the open montage window. Repeat with the remaining images until they are all combined into the new document. Save. Some images may look better than others, so don't worry if you feel you need to delete some.

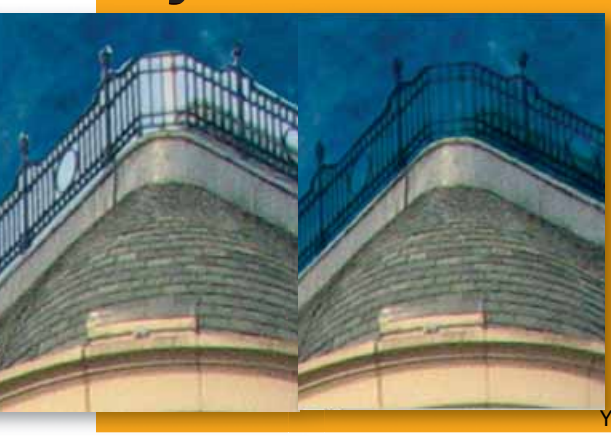
## 5 Name *the layers*

Remember to name each layer properly, as this will make navigating a lot easier later on, when they start to stack up. Begin to move the source images into place, dragging the layers up or down depending on whether they need to be in the front or the back of the montage. Don't be too worried about accuracy at this stage.

## 6 Adjust *curves*

Now you have the basics of the montage in place, it's time to start blending the colours and tones. Most of them will be of varying hues, so use the curves (**Image > Adjustments > Curves**) to adjust the colour casts. In this case, the dominant colour was to be blue. So the blue curve was adjusted to increase the hue.

## Layer *Blend Modes*



Layer blend modes can be a huge time-saver when blending areas together. It may take a little experimentation, but the results can be awesome. In our example, we had a complete set of railings on top of a building that were extremely complicated and detailed – so detailed in fact, that it would be impossible to select them and remove the background. A very quick and easy way round this is to select the railings using the polygon lasoo tool. Select right up against the building so the railings can be cut without taking any of the roof with it. Hit CONTROL, SHIFT, J on the keyboard. This will cut and place the selection on a new layer exactly in the same place. Use the layer blend mode in the layers palette and select MULTIPLY. The railings will appear to be 'cut out' as the background shows through. MULTIPLY mode makes all light pixels transparent and only lets the dark pixels show through.

**OTHER LAYER BLEND MODES**

**SCREEN:** Makes the dark pixels transparent (the opposite of Mutiply)
**OVERLAY:** Is a balance of light and dark transparent pixels
**LIGHTEN:** Brightens parts of the underlying layer that is darker than the top layer
**DARKEN:** Does the opposite of Lighten
**HARD LIGHT:** Increases saturation of both layers
**SOFT LIGHT:** A more subtle version of Hard Light
**COLOUR BURN:** Darkens the the bottom layer by adding deep hue effects

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## 7 Adjust *levels*

Adust the levels to darken or lighten the tone of the images. Choose **Image > Adjustments > Levels**. Start by adjusting the slider in the mid tones first and then adjust the highlights and shadows. In this example, we went for a dark stormy look, so the midtones and highlights were brought down and the shadows left as they were.

## 8 Layer *masks*

The art of photorealism is making objects interact with each other by using layer masks. Choose Layer mask from the layer palette. Using a suitable soft brush, and black as the foreground colour, paint out the unwanted areas. In this example we wanted the wave to appear over the top of the bridge.

## 9 Cover *up*

To help with achieving seamless blends, try pasting a duplicate area over the top. With the lasso tool, draw around small elements that you want to duplicate, and copy and paste them into the image. It's probably best to rotate or flip it if you don't want obvious repetition. Here, the extra part of the wave makes for more realism.

## 10 Final *effect*

With all the elements blended together, add an overall effect to give a feeling of consistency. Here, I have given the taxi headlights some lens flare. The bright lights spill out over the top of all the underlying layers, to help join them into one photorealistic image.

# TOP TIPS!

### LAYER SETS

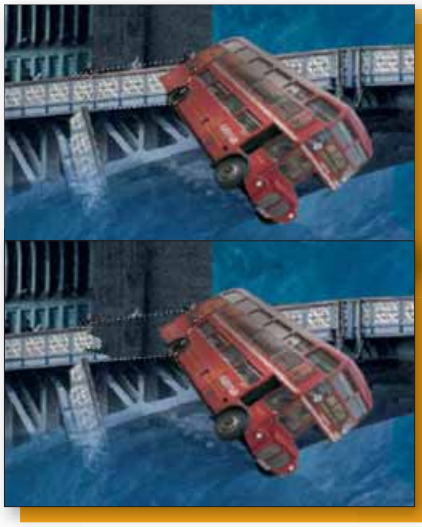
**When using multiple layers in a montage, you can run into having many more layers than you can keep track of. Use Layer Sets to keep them organised.Layer sets make it easy to move, modify, hide, and lock layers as a group.**
**You can even nest layer sets within other layer sets. In order to do this, click the CREATE NEW SET button at the bottom of the layers palette. Next, double click the folder and name it. Then select the layers you want in the set and drag them to the folder. This technique is very useful when dealing with one subject made up of many layers.**

### DEFRINGING

**When cutting out objects, you may notice that the soft edge shows some of the original background area.**
**This is easily removed in Photoshop by using the defringing command. Choose Layer>Matting>Defringe.**
**Choose a pixel radius of about 2 or 3, depending on the resolution. What you will find is the original colour pixels are pushed out to the edge of the object and mixed with the underlying layer.**
**It may not work with all images, so experiment.**

### REALISTIC SHADOWS

**For shadows that look realistic, try selecting (with the lasso) an area you want to become the shadow, that is, part of the floor. Feather the area and press the Control & J keys. This will place a copied area directly above the original. Use the burn tool from the tools palette and select a suitable soft-edged brush. Then, gently burn in the copied area. Burn just a little more than you would think is realistic. Then use the opacity slider to adjust the shadow for a pleasing result.**



## Break *It Up*

Disaster montages are great fun to do, but what can give an element of realism is using recognisable objects and destroying them! In this case the bus has been swept off the side of Tower Bridge. The side of the bridge has fallen into the water, leaving a huge gap. To make this gap, use the pen tool to select around the section of bridge you want to remove. Draw the sides jaggedly, to give a rough edge. Make the path a selection by selecting **Path>Make Selection** in the path palette.
Copy and paste the selection into a new layer, and name the layer. Move the broken side of the bridge down into the water.
Now, go back to the path and make this a selection again. Make sure the original bridge layer is the active layer. With the Clone tool, option-click an area above the railing. Clone this into your selection area. This will duplicate the wall all the way down and also give you the same rough edges as the broken rail in the water.

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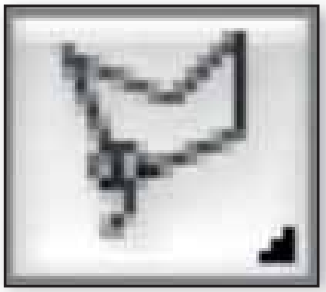
## STRAIGHT LINES WITH THE LASSO

The Lasso's great for freeform selections, but what if you need to draw a perfectly straight segment? It's easy – just hold the Alt key, releasing the mouse button, and continue to draw your selection. The cursor changes to the Polygonal Lasso tool. When you've finished, click-and-hold the mouse button to create a point, release the Alt key, and you'll be back to the regular Lasso tool.



## RE-RUN THAT FILTER FAST

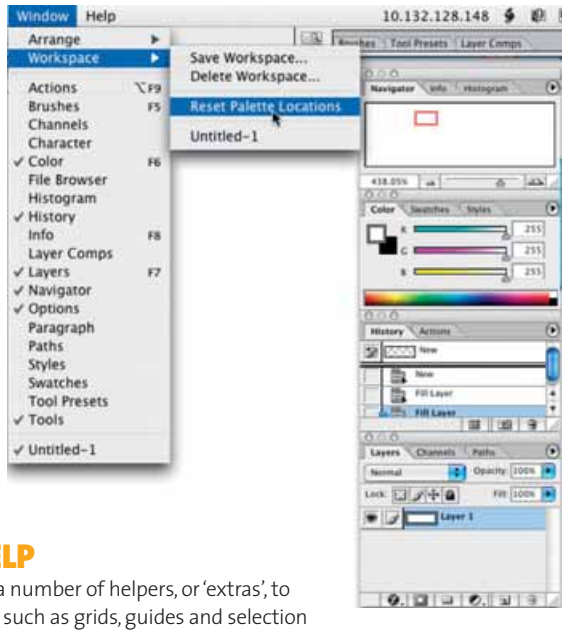
Once you've applied a filter, Photoshop kindly puts that filter at the top of the list in the Filter menu for you to use again. But to access it even more quickly, just click Ctrl+F. If you want to use the same filter but with different settings, press Ctrl+Alt+F which brings up the dialogue box with the last settings you used.

## QUICK COLOUR CORRECTIONS

If you're new to correcting images, try using Auto Levels (Image>Adjustments >Auto Levels) which should give your image better contrast and more balanced colour.
If it still doesn't look right, go to Image> Adjustments> Variations to see your original image and a number of colour-modified versions of it. All you have to do is choose the thumbnail you think looks best.

## RESET PALETTES

If you've been moving your palettes all over and they've got into a mess, send them back to their default positions. Just go to **Window> Workspace>Reset Palette Locations**.




## GET EXTRA HELP

Within Photoshop are a number of helpers, or 'extras', to let you work efficiently, such as grids, guides and selection edges. You can toggle these helpers on and off by choosing Extras from the View menu or by using the keyboard shortcut Ctrl+H. You even have control over which ones you see under **View>Show>Show Extras Options** and checking which ones you choose.

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## CHANNEL MIXER

Convert your pictures to b/w using the Channel mixer (Image > Adjustments > Channel Mixer). The default setting is +100 Red. This setting produces a similar effect as taking a picture using a Red filter with film. The effect will be a dramatic sky on a landscape, but for a portrait it lightens the lips too much.

## MAKE A GIANT PALETTE

You can dock palettes one on top of another to create one giant palette. Just drag the name tab of one palette to the bottom edge of another and slowly drag it upwards. A thin black double line will then appear at the bottom of the top palette to let you know it's ready to dock. Release the mouse and that's it! Now both of the palettes will move together. It's a handy technique for grouping similar tools.

## GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING

If you've been messing with a tool and now something's not right with it, you can quickly get back to its default settings by choosing the tool from the Toolbox, the right-clicking on the tool's icon in the Options Bar on the far left. Choose Reset Tool in the menu that pops up. While you're there you can choose Reset All Tools to take them all back to their defaults.

## DESELECTED AND DIDN'T SAVE?

You've created a selection, changed your mind and deselected it and moved on, but then you wish you had it back. Don't worry. As long as you haven't made another selection since the one you want to get back, Photoshop remembers your last selection and let you get it back by going to **Select>Reselect**.

If you create a selection you know you're going to want to go back to, while it's still active go to Select> Save Selection. You can reload it any time by going to Select>Load Selection. Your selection will be called Alpha 1 by default.

## SEPIA

Try applying a tint to a monochrome picture – sepia is always a popular choice. Use the Colour Balance (Ctrl + B) and enter the values +50 Red and –20 Yellow. A more sophisticated method would be to use Duotones. This means converting your image to Greyscale and then converting to Duotone. (Make sure that the image tonality is as you want it before discarding the colour information)

## SAVE SETTINGS

When using the Channel Mixer you can save your setting for re-use on other pictures. Create two Hue/Saturation Adjustment layers. If you click to OK button before you have saved the settings, then press down Ctrl + Alt while selecting the Channel Mixer from the menu. This will open up the Channel Mixer palette with the last-used settings – now you can save the settings.

## KEEP THE COLOUR

Although you want to make a b/w image, don't throw away the colour information in a picture. You can make good use of this to adjust how each of the colours is interpreted as a grey value. The most efficient method is to work with an adjustment layer.

## CHANGE VALUES QUICKER

To save time when you're entering values into a field, highlight the value and the use your keyboard. The up/down keys will raise/lower the values and, in combination with the Shift key, they'll change the value in larger increments.

## LIGHTNING-FAST FEATHER

If you're using the Lasso tool and want to add a feather to soften the edges of the selection, just hit Enter and the Feather field in the Options Bar will highlight. All you have to do is enter the value for how much feathering you want. Don't forget to set the value back to 0 when you're done using the same shortcut.

## THE SECRET FILL SHORTCUT

There are all sorts of keyboard shortcuts for filling selections etc, but if you look under the Edit menu, next to the Fill command, there doesn't seem to be a shortcut for bringing up the Fill dialogue box. But you can now be really sneaky and simply use Shift+Backspace to do it.

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## REDUCE THE SIZE

Once you have applied all your adjustments and have the perfect tones then you can discard all the colour information by converting the image to Greyscale. A 14.4MB (5-megapixel) colour image will be reduced by two thirds to 4.81MB.

## CALIBRATE YOUR MONITOR

There's little point in spending hours getting the colour and contrast of your images perfect on your monitor if your screen is not calibrated to show you just what you'll get on your printer. Spend some time ensuring that what you see on screen is as close as possible to what you'll get on the print.

## WORK ON A COPY

Never work on original image files. Keep these somewhere safe and work on a copy. That way if you mess up, or later change your mind about whatever crop or effect you applied, you can go back to the original and start again.

If you keep all your precious digital images on your computer then you should at least back them up onto a CD or Zip disk from time to time. Otherwise, if your PC should suffer a catastrophic hard disk failure (it does happen) you stand to permanently lose your precious memories.

## RIGHT FILE FORMAT

For maximum quality, save images as TIFF files or, if your finished image is comprised of layers, a format like psd (photoshop) or psp (paintshop pro) which preserves the layers rather than flattening the image. Don't save as jpegs, except to make copies for sharing, as these reduce image quality.

## DON'T OVER ENLARGE

With Photoshop and other applications you can rescale images to whatever size you like, but it's best not to exceed the maximum dimensions of the image file and the pixels per inch density that you want to output to (eg, typicallly 300ppi for inkjet printing). Doing so will result in a loss of image quality.

## CLEAR POINT OF VIEW

Sometimes the only way to really see how your editing is going is to view the photo as far as from distractions as possible. To hide all your palettes and tools quickly, use the keystrokes Shift- Tab and then Tab to cycle through the screen modes.

## LEARN THE SHORT CUTS

Speed up your desktop processing by learning the keyboard shortcuts to the most frequently used tools and commands. Most functions have a shortcut, and learning them can save you a significant amount of time in the long run, as you'll be able to create your images with much greater speed.

## SAVE REGULARLY

You're just finishing a complex photomontage that you've been working on for hours, when suddenly your PC crashes. Or your partner accidentally pulls the wrong plug out of the socket. Whatever the reason, you've just lost your image and wasted all those hours. It always seems to be the case, that whenever you have got complacent about saving, something goes horribly wrong and you find you've lost your work. To avoid this situation, remember to make sure that you save your work regularly. That way, if the worst does happen, you don't have to go back very far to redo what you've lost.

## MOVE LAYERS WITH KEY STROKES

Many pros use keyboard shortcuts to help them speed up their daily work. This shortcut is no excpetion – to move an active layer within a stack up one position, hold down the Ctrl/Cmd key and click the ] key (right square bracket). To move it down one position, hit the Ctrl/Cmd key and click the [ key (left square bracket).

## STRAIGHT STROKES

Draw straight strokes with the airbrush, pencil and even the Eraser tool by holding down the shift key and click the mouse once to mark the beginning of the line and then click a second time to mark the end of the line. Successive clicking will continue to draw straight lines from the position of the previous mouse click to the new one.

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